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STIRRING APPEAL BY FRENCH PREMIER FOR NATIONAL UNITY

YUNNAN NEXT FOR NANKING'S CONSIDERATION

Military Academy To Be Established
SZECHUEN AND KWEICHOW ALREADY DEALT WITH

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Canton, To-day.

Having asserted their power in Kweichow and Szechuen, the Nanking authorities are now dealing with Yunnan in their efforts to unify the country by peaceful means. As a first step, a military academy will be established at Kwanming, the provincial capital, with Generals Chui Pei-teh and Ching Chien as Superintendent and Commandant, respectively.

For many years General Lung Yun, the Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, has been "playing hot and cold" with the Central Authorities and is alleged to have made a fortune out of planting opium poppy and selling the finished product to other provinces. Now that the Reds are attacking Yunnan, Nanking has a good pretext to send troops there.

The same method will be used to unify Szechuen and Kweichow. General Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Nanking Military Commission, has now established his provisional headquarters in Chungking, and has made his power felt by the provincial military chiefs. In Kweichow, General Chiang has appointed General Hsieh Yo as the Director of the Kweliang Pacification Headquarters.

General Wang, Chia-lieh, the Chairman of the Provincial Government, is now a nominal figure, following the loss of eight out of his fifteen regiments in the fighting with the Reds.

"BRITAIN" TOURISTS EARLY RISERS

Luxury Liner Deserted Soon After Breakfast

SHOPPING CAMPAIGN

Taking advantage of the brighter weather, the majority of the tourists on board the R.M.S. Empress of Britain left the ship soon after breakfast this morning to do their shopping, which had been greatly marred by the rainy weather experienced during the past few days.

The stalls alongside the wharf, however, are not doing as brisk business as expected, as most of the tourists are visiting the shops in Hong Kong and on the mainland.

The Empress of Britain left New York at noon, January 10, for Funchal, Gibraltar, Algiers, Villafraiche, Naples, Athens, Haifa, Port Said, Suez, Bombay, Colombo, Penang, Singapore, Bangkok, Batavia, Samarang, Padang Bay, and Zamboanga, arriving here last Monday.

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WEATHER FORECAST

The anticyclone has increased slightly in intensity; it now extends from north-east China to south-west Japan. An intense depression is moving north-north-east to the east of Hokkaido. A depression is moving eastward along the upper Yangtze Valley and a depression has formed over Tongking. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was east winds, moderate; cloudy, fog or mist, occasional rain.



Winning U.S. \$110,000 in the Irish Sweepstake two years ago was the beginning of the troubles of Eleanor Hanley, of Hoboken, New Jersey. She has now been adjudged incompetent to manage her affairs by the court.

BELGIUM'S NEW CABINET

NATIONAL UNION GOVERNMENT

Brussels, To-day. M. van Zeeland, Vice-Governor of the National Bank of Belgium, has formed a National Union Government representing all three big Belgian parties, the Catholic, the Socialist and the Liberal.

M. van Zeeland is both Premier and Foreign Secretary, M. Max Gerard Minister of Finance, and MM. van der Velde and Paul Hymans Ministers without portfolio.—Reuter.

GUARD OF HONOUR INNOVATION

Jubilee Thanksgiving Service At St. Paul's

London, To-day.

When Their Majesties the King and Queen drive from Buckingham Palace to attend the Jubilee Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Cathedral on May 6 there will be for the first time a Guard of Honour from the Navy, Army and Air Force at Buckingham Palace.

The famous Windsor greys will draw the state landau in which Their Majesties will drive to and from St. Paul's.

The procession will go at a slow trot so that the crowds lining the route may have a good view of the King and Queen as they pass.—British Wireless Service.

ARMY PAY IN CHINA

Rise in Dollar Causes Hardship

RATES AND ALLOWANCES TO BE REVIEWED FROM APRIL 1

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday Sir William Davison, Unionist Member for S. Kensington, drew attention to the hardship suffered by British officers stationed at Tientsin and other stations in China owing to the rise in the value of the dollar.

Mr. Douglas Hacking, Financial Secretary to the War Office, replied that the rates of exchange and their effect on the cost of living of officers who are paid in sterling are under constant observation and that the rates and allowances for all three stations in China are being reviewed with effect from April 1.—Reuter.

"SOVIET RUSSIA SETS FINE EXAMPLE"

COUNTRY'S MEASURES AGAINST AIR PERIL

"PASSIVE DEFENCE" COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED

Paris, To-day.

An impassioned appeal for national unity in the face of danger was made by M. Flandin, the Premier, in a speech last evening.

He urged: "For the love of our country let us not give the appearance of a panic-stricken crew on a sinking ship. Who give us a better lesson in patriotism than the people which, believing itself menaced, is now fervently exalting its Red army and counting with just pride the ever-increasing thousands it is devoting to national defence?"

When the alarm gong sounds in France people falling promptly to obey the new regulations are liable to find six days to a month's imprisonment, under the terms of a bill passed in the Chamber establishing a strict regime of anti-aircraft defence.

GERMANY'S TREATY DENUNCIATION

British Premier Answers Questions In Commons

1886 INCIDENT RECALLED

London, To-day.

With Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, in Berlin, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, answered several questions on his behalf in the House of Commons yesterday.

Asked whether the German Government's action in denouncing the Versailles Treaty was intended to affect any provisions other than the military clauses, Mr. MacDonald pointed out that the Treaty of Versailles did not provide for denunciation by the signatories thereof and it was a misapprehension to suppose that any action taken unilaterally by the German (Continued on Page 12)

KING AND QUEEN IN LONDON

Eastbourne Visit Concluded

London, To-day.

Their Majesties the King and Queen are returning to London to-day at the end of their stay at Eastbourne.

During the last few days they have enjoyed glorious sunshine. On Thursday they will drive to Victoria to meet H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester on his return from Australia and New Zealand.—British Wireless Service.

CHINESE DAVIS CUP STARS LEAVE

Exhibition Matches In Japan

Shanghai, To-day.

Kho Sin-kie and Guy Cheng, Chinese Davis Cup players, and their manager, Lewis Carson, left for America this morning by the s.s. President Hoover.

They are giving exhibitions in Japan and will meet the American team in the First Round of the 1935 series either in New York or Mexico City. They are expected to return to China two months later.—Reuter.

MINORITY TREATIES

Polish Proposals For League To Decide

London, To-day.

Questioned yesterday in the House of Commons as to the British Government's position in regard to the generalisation of minority treaties, as proposed by the Polish Government, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister, recalled that this was defined by the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Anthony Eden, at the meeting of the League of Nations last September, when he pointed out that these treaties were created to deal with the specific problem of safeguarding the minorities living in territory which was transferred by the peace treaties from one State to another, and who were racially akin to the population of a neighbouring State.

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Berlin Talks Last For Six Hours

London, To-day.

The Berlin conversations lasted for over six hours yesterday and are being resumed to-day. Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, and the British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, drove to the Chancellery yesterday morning, where they were greeted by Herr Hitler, who was accompanied by the Foreign Minister, Baron von Neurath, and Herr Von Ribbentrop.

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GRAND NATIONAL IRISH SWEEP

DRAW COMMENCES TO-DAY

\$30,000 FOR THE WINNER

The draw for the Grand National Sweepstake, to be decided on Friday's Alintree classic, will commence to-day and end on Thursday.

Already a total sum of £24,748, 817 has been paid in prize money to Irish Sweepstake subscribers, 40,000 persons having been paid this amount in individual prizes ranging in value from £264,724 to £100.

After the Grand National draw in 1931 it was decided to reduce the value of the chief prizes so as to increase the number of prize-winners. From that date, there (Continued on Page 12)



The last portraits of Elizabeth Du Bois (left) and her sister Jane who committed suicide by leaping from a plane flying over Uplminster, England. The sisters were born in the United States, but lived in Europe for more than 10 years, their father Col. Court-du Bois being the American Consul-General at Naples. The full story of the inquest appears on Page 9.

BRITAIN'S INFANTILE MORTALITY

Steady Decline Reported

London, To-day.

It was mentioned in the House of Commons last night, that as a result of the steady decline in infantile mortality in Britain the rate had been halved in the period from 1905 to 1934.

Last year the number of children dying before the age of 12 months was the low record of 64 per thousand.—British Wireless Service.

FRENCHMANS ALIVE

ARRIVE SAFELY AT NANCHENG

London, To-day.

The British missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Frencham, of the China Inland Mission, both of whom were reported murdered, are alive and safe and have arrived at the mission station at Nancheng.—Reuter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frencham were in Ninghsien, Shanghai, when the city was captured by Communists on February 23.

Missionary parties have been searching the mountains in Shensi in repeated efforts to obtain news of the captured missionaries, while General Chiang Kai-shek issued instructions to the office commanding the 20th Army in Shensi to spare no efforts to locate them and effect their release.

MAN JUMPS FROM FERRY

Life Found To Be Sweet After All

At 10.30 a.m. this morning the harbour was the scene of an exciting incident.

Two Yaumati ferries, the Min Koo and Min Kung, were passing each other at about 10.25 a.m. in the middle of the harbour when suddenly a shout was heard and it was revealed that a Chinese passenger on the Hong Kong-bound ferry had jumped overboard in an attempt to end his life.

For 10 minutes considerable excitement reigned; strens shrieked and passengers rushed to the sides of the respective ferries as the engines were stopped. When it appeared as if everybody had lost their heads a plucky Chinese passenger on the Kowloon-bound ferry jumped into the harbour to save his unfortunate countryman.

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DWINDLING LEAGUE

JAPANESE WITHDRAWAL TO-MORROW

General Secretary's Statement

WILL NOT ABANDON HOPE OF FUTURE

Geneva, To-day.

M. Joseph Avenol, General Secretary of the League of Nations, yesterday issued this statement for release in the Japanese morning papers to-morrow: "It is most regrettable that the League of Nations should have to part with one of its original members that has co-operated with it for nearly 15 years.

"Now that the separation is a fait accompli and the legal bond of the connections between Japan and the League ceases to exist, Japan has no longer any right or obligation as regards the League; it is therefore unhappily impossible for her to retain the position she has hitherto occupied in connection with the League.

"We are, however, given to understand that the Japanese Government intends to pursue a policy of international co-operation in the spirit of the Imperial rescript promulgated two years ago.

"Such an intention causes us great satisfaction. We cannot say what form it will take, but for my part I have decided to do nothing that could prejudice the relations between Japan and the League.

"We cannot foretell the future, and I do not think we should abandon hope of the League's universality.—Reuter.

Japan will withdraw from the League of Nations to-morrow.

ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

Monsignor Arthur Hinsley Appointed

London, To-day.

It was announced at Vatican City yesterday that the Pope will appoint Monsignor Arthur Hinsley, at present Canon at St. Peter's, Rome, to succeed the late Cardinal Bourne as Archbishop of Westminster at the next Consistory, which will be held on Monday next.

Monsignor Hinsley, who is 70, was born in Yorkshire. He was for some years pastor at Sydenham, South London, afterwards going to Rome as Rector of the England College there.

He was domestic prelate to the Pope and, until his appointment as Canon at St. Peter's, had been Apostolic Delegate to the African Missions in British territory.—British Wireless Service.

"JEFFERSON" NOT HELD UP

The American Mail Line advise that the s.s. President Jefferson has not been held up by the seamen's strike on the Pacific Coast and will arrive in Hong Kong on schedule, on Friday, April 5, and will sail from Hong Kong, as advertised, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 6.

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MAIL SCHEDULES

PARCEL POST

A schedule of revised parcel post rates, including many reductions, is exhibited in the Parcel Office, G.P.O. The rates will take effect as from 1st March, 1935.

Imperial Airways via Singapore
Batavia-Amsterdam via Singapore
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Singapore-Australia

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Chichibu Maru .. 28
Igeon .. 28
Bhutan .. 29

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

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Archilles .. 26
Emp. of Asia .. 28
Pres. Polk .. 29

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia .. 28
Pres. Polk .. 29

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FOR EUROPE

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Agamemnon (via Marseilles) .. 27
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.
Haruna Maru (via Marseilles) .. 27
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 6 p.m.

FOR JAPAN

Yasukuni Maru .. 26

FOR MANILA

Emp. of Asia .. 28
Pres. Polk .. 29

FOR U.S.A.

Yasukuni Maru .. 26

FOR STRAITS

Hosang .. 26
Mulan .. 26

FOR INDIA

Hosang .. 26
Aramis .. 26
Agamemnon .. 27

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The Woman's Page

HOME SPRING CLEANERS TAKE THEIR CALL EARLY

SPICK AND SPAN HOMES FOR JUBILEE YEAR

London. In the Silver Jubilee year spring cleaning will be an early and a spick and span event. Early, because everyone will want to have it finished in order to enjoy to the full the national celebrations. A fairly late Easter makes this possible. Spick and span, because there are now so many gadgets available to make this brightening up of the home simple and easy.

Modern methods of cleaning have transformed what used to be an annual upheaval into a mere re-adjustment of rooms, with a change of furnishings and transposition of furniture. Stopping and stretching, the chief causes of the one-time dishevelled appearance, are eliminated; red and roughened hands are now unnecessary.

Long-handled brooms and soft brushes make it possible to reach every nook and cranny without mounting a single step, or alternatively bending down to it. There are several kinds of mops, all long-handled, and so arranged that floors can be cleaned perfectly without kneeling and without soiled or wet hands. One model is similar to an ordinary mop, but the head is twice the usual length and the edge uncut. A short wooden handle attached to the head slides up and down the main one: down when in use, up in between cleaning, when it can be held with a hand that is still dry and turned round wringing out the mop.

A "deck-scrubber" is fitted at the end, with both a stiff brush and a good thick padded floor cloth for drying up. This works on the same self-wringing principle as the mop mentioned above.

Parquet Floors

For parquet floors there is a weighted brush for polish application, and a duster is slipped over afterwards for polishing. These are available with square or rounded corners. A miniature carpet sweeper takes up dust under settees, wardrobes, and other large pieces of furniture without moving.

A wire beater for rugs—and carpets, if these are done at home—is very effective, as it combines lightness of pressure with great flexibility.

A brush of coconut fibre will be found preferable to a scrub for cleaning baths or sinks. These are made in a small oval to fit the hand. The fibre is longer, far closer, and much softer than the bristles of a scrub, but it is equally stiff.

Windows, mirrors, tiles, and the wind-screen of the car can be given a fine polish by the use of a special powder. This is enclosed in a solid rubber box—hand-size—one side only being sponge rubber. When this side is dampened the powder amalgamates with the water for cleaning. The glass is then polished with a dry cloth. When the original supply is exhausted, the powder may be bought separately for use with the sponge.

However clean the metal of a home is kept regularly, spring cleaning seems an appropriate time to give it renewed lustre. For the bright parts of gas stoves, poker, there are steel burnishers—small squares of steel rings

with a good strong leather back to protect the hands from friction. Aluminium saucepans may be cleaned with a wire brush, a ball of steel wool, or steel wool with which has been specially impregnated a very mild soap. Alternatively the steel wool and mild soap may be purchased separately—and there are wooden holders for all these scourers, again as a protection for the hands.

Silverware. Cleaning of silver has been reduced to simplicity itself. There is a special plate on the market which is just dropped into a bowl of hot water, and a teaspoonful of powder, made for use with the plate, added. The silverware is then put in and left for a little while, when all stains will have disappeared. The silver is then dried, and will be found to be clean and beautifully polished. The plate, which can be used over and over again, is made in three sizes, one for teapot cleaning, the medium one for normal household use, and a large size.

A special lacquer can be painted over newly polished metal which helps to keep it clean, retain its polish, and prevents tarnish.

REMOVE THOSE WARTS

Warts are unattractive things to have, either on the hands or face. It is interesting to know that either of the following methods will usually remove isolated cases: (a) Pick up the wart with toothed forceps and cut it off below the base with a sharp knife; suture the skin with catgut, or cauterize the wound with pure carbolic acid or silver nitrate applied with a matchstick. (b) Freeze the wart with carbon dioxide snow. Press a pencil of carbon-dioxide snow, of the same diameter as the wart, firmly on the latter until it is frozen to its base. This may be repeated, if necessary, every two or three weeks.

Peninsula Hotel Guests

The following are guests staying at the Peninsula Hotel—Capt. R. Allison, Mr. and Misses J. M. Bayot, Mrs. R. C. Bayne, Miss M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Burman, Mr. W. L. L. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Bateman, Mr. R. Bigazzi, Mr. Chester Bennett, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. L. Brigham, Lt. Col. E. J. de C. Boys, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. H. Burn, Mr. F. Buchanan, Mr. B. G. Butler, Mr. C. A. Blum, Miss P. W. Brown, Mr. J. R. Bisschop, M-me Cloare, Mrs. J. Cross, Mr. Z. C. Chang, Mr. and Mrs. H. Choa, Gen. M. A. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Church, Lt. Comdr. E. H. M. Colegrave, Miss D. J. P. Cavanagh, Mrs. F. J. Dahlgren, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dawson, Col. and Mrs. E. A. Deeds, Mr. and Miss A. G. Deucher, Mr. E. S. O. Dunlop, Maj. and Mrs. A. H. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook, Mr. A. C. Ellis, Mr. W. F. Edge, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Frisque, Miss A. C. Friedrich, Mrs. B. Furber, Mrs. Wm. N. Gray, Mrs. J. Graham-Barrow, Mrs. J. N. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. G. H. Grant, Mr. A. Grossart, Mrs. J. B. Gray, Mr. L. H. Gears, Mr. T. M. Gregory, Mrs. C. S. Hynes, Mr. Gerd Heane, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hoopes, Mr. A. N. Hazelrigg, Mr. A. W. Hresh, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall, Mr. E. Hausmann, Mr. E. L. Hoole, Mr. H. A. Howes, Mr. A. H. Jones, Mr. J. J. J. Jones, Mr. E. K. Kiel, Mr. L. Koodoorie, Miss Z. Kovaleva, Mrs. R. P. Luker, Col. and



The stylized seems to have outdone themselves in this tunic gown worn by Ginger Rogers, screen star. Of navy blue taffeta, with white polka dots, the wide ruching is of self material cut on the bias and fringed at the edges. The suit is closely fitted at the hip and skirt and cut with deep, three-quarter length sleeves.

TOILETTES ARE RUINED BY FAT UPPER ARMS

So many evening toilettes are ruined by fat upper arms, with unsightly red backs. Brisk friction after the morning bath with a rubber nail brush will help matters as far as the fat is concerned. Cocoa butter is a great beautifier and this should be used regularly after the friction. Melt a little of the butter in a cup over hot water, and massage it well into the upper arms after washing; it will both soften and whiten the flesh.

WINTER BEAUTY

Women, especially during the winter months, do not drink enough water. Water is one of the greatest and most healthful of nature's blessings. It is a necessary dilutant of the solid foods we eat. It is the chief agent in elimination of poison through the intestines, kidneys and pores of the skin. But do not wash down your meals with water and be particularly careful not to drink a tumbler of ice-cold water after a meal. The digestive mechanism needs a certain heat temperature and a sudden chill disrupts its working properly. Six glasses of water a day for the average person should be taken, more or less, as the individual seems to require.

ELASTIC BELTS

Elastic belts should never be washed with soap and water in the usual way or they will perish quickly. A much more successful method is to dry-clean them, as in this way all dirt is removed without any fear of damaging the elastic. Mix equal quantities of coarse kitchen salt and white flour in a basin. Place the elastic belt on the table and rub it all over thoroughly with the cleaner. Finally hang it out of doors and beat out all trace of flour and salt. If this cleaning method is adopted elastic belts and corsets will wear twice as long as usual.

FOOTMARKS

When new linoleum is laid in a bathroom where the bath stands on iron feet it is advisable to cut four small square pieces from the trimmings that are left over and place one under each foot. If they are neatly cut the pieces are hardly noticeable, and they prevent the iron feet from wearing grooves in the new surface. Should it be necessary later on to take up the linoleum and use it elsewhere it will be undamaged.

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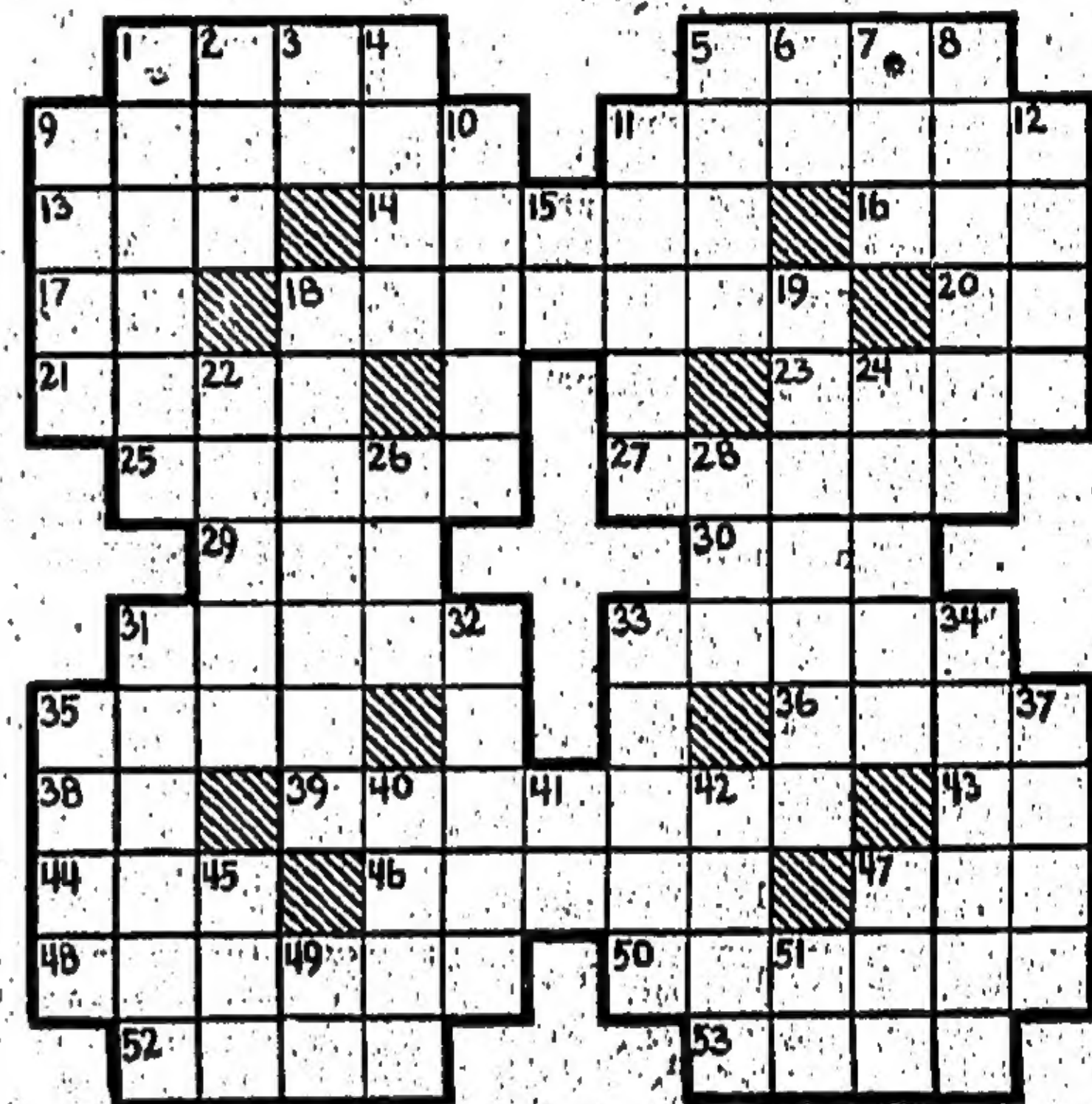
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Egyptian river | 39-Sums not expended | 5-Check |
| 2-A land measure | 40-But laid away | 10-Rents |
| 3-Reclaim | 41-Negative | 11-Performer |
| 4-Attract | 42-Attorney (abbr.) | 12-English school |
| 5-Eagle | 43-A puzzling proposal | 13-Three-leafed clover |
| 6-Perform | 44-Lodger | 14-Overturns |
| 7-Small rug | 45-Insect | 15-Records |
| 8-Four (Rom.) | 46-Soft | 16-A flower (pl.) |
| 9-One who betrays a trust | 47-Want | 17-Trailing plant |
| 10-Very | 48-Worthless plant | 18-Dine |
| 11-An emperor of Rome | | 19-A beverage |
| 12-Equal | | 20-Thread |
| 13-Drugs | | 21-Fruit of the pine (pl.) |
| 14-Very fast | | 22-Committed a misdeed |
| 15-Mineral spring | | 23-Shakespearean king |
| 16-The largest city in the world (abbr.) | | 24-Remark |
| 17-A branch of the Ayran family | | 25-Invited |
| 18-Greek goddess of grain | | 26-Exile |
| 19-Malay | | 27-Matured |
| 20-Range of mountains in W. China | | 28-Part of the foot |
| 21-And (Lat.) | | 29-Consumed |
| | | 30-Pronoun |
| | | 31-Tellurium (abbr.) |

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

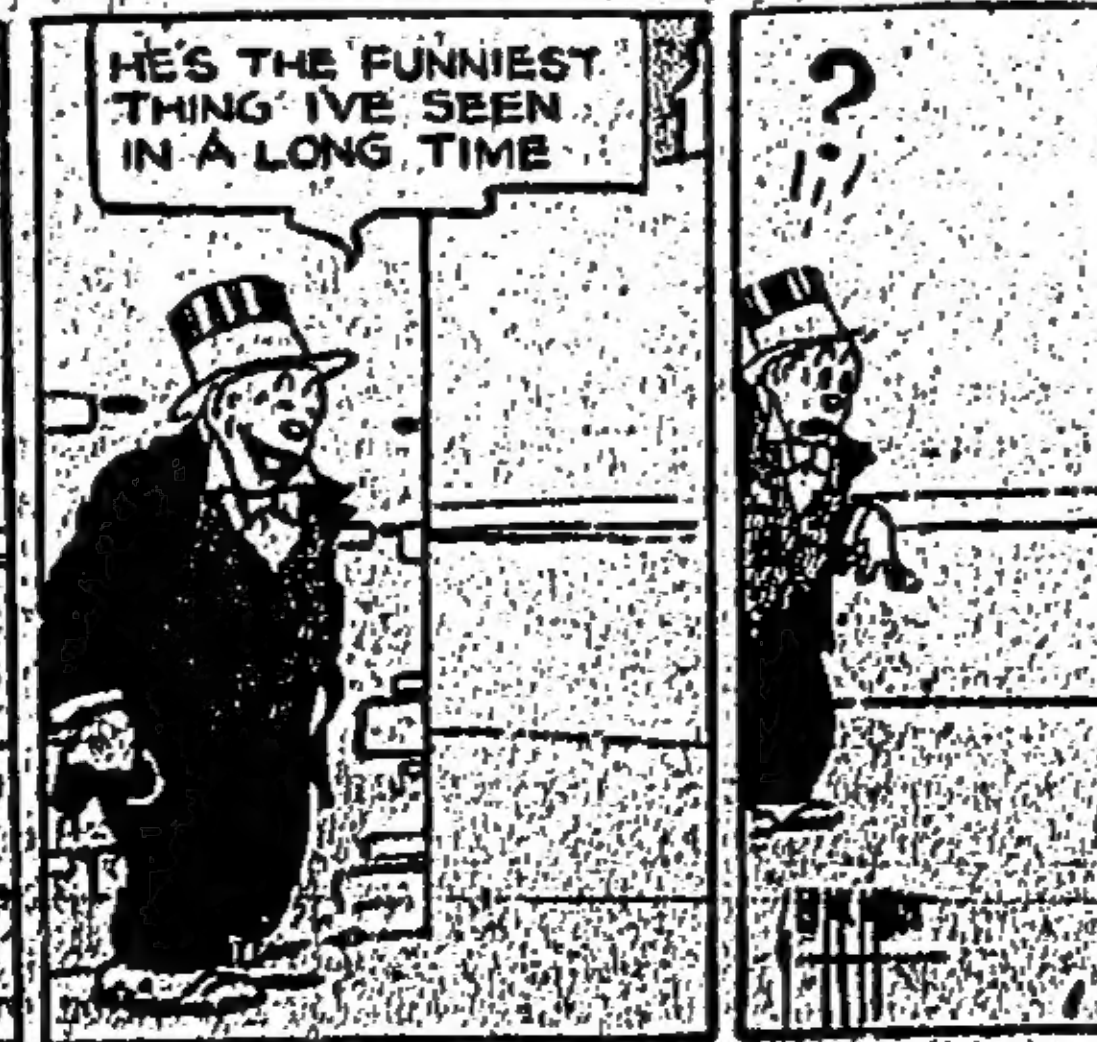
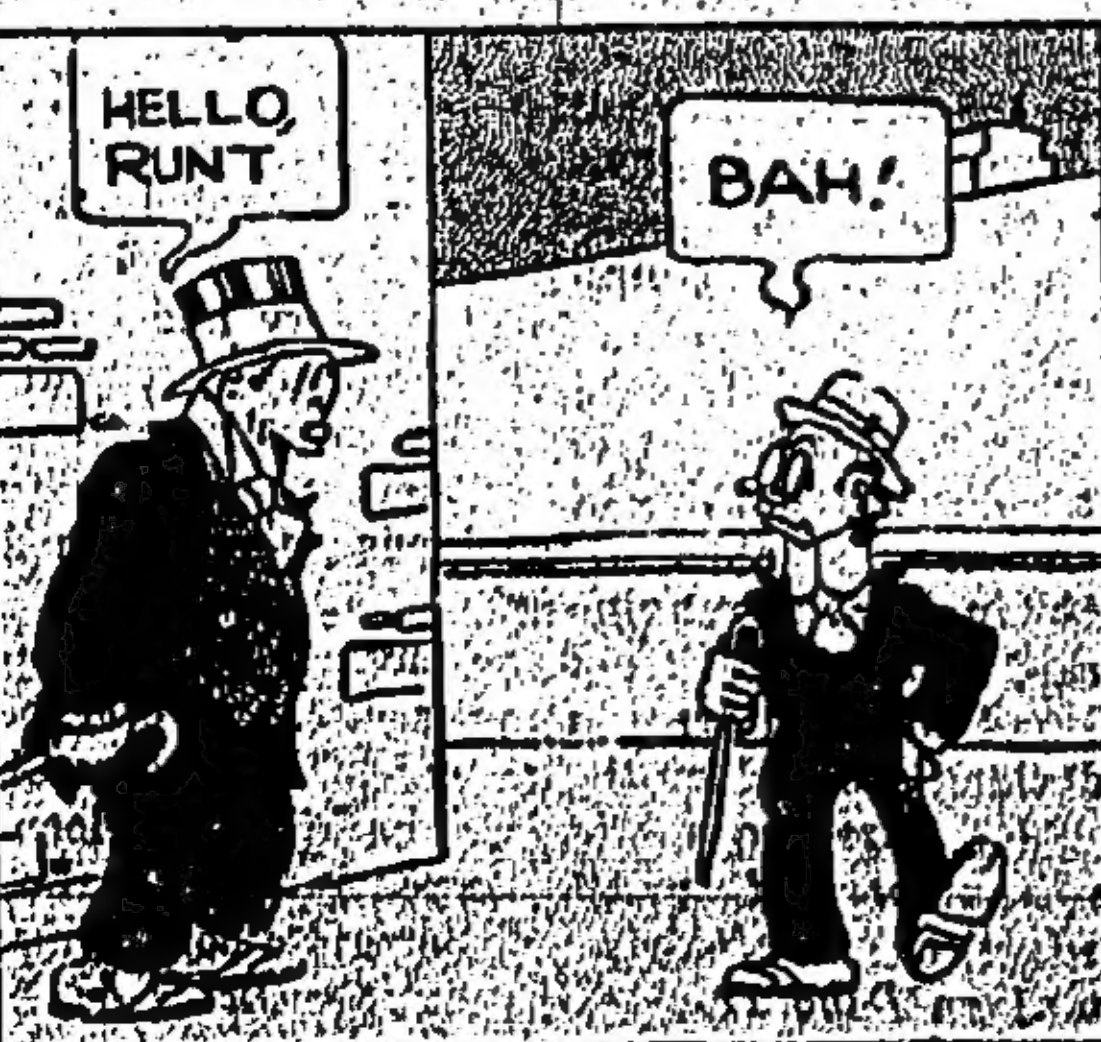
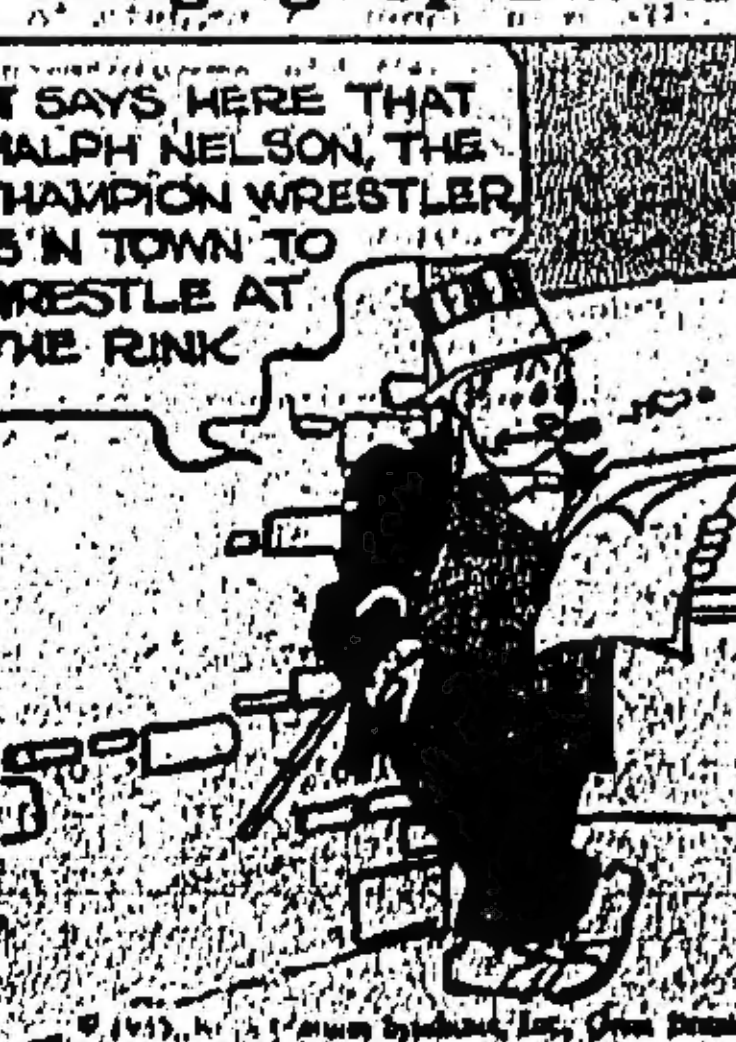
GEOMETRIC FIGURES

The very newest prints, hard to cut, but very, very chic, are the widely spaced and scattered designs, as though some one had thrown a handful of flowers or geometric figures at your plain crepe dress. If you like tidier patterns, then pick small, regular figures. In Paris, flower bunches are liked, but even they are quite conventionalized.

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DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING, to be held on SATURDAY, the 6th April, 1935 (Weather permitting), may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Gloucester Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 28th March, 1935.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th March, 1935.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE SIXTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 29th March 1935, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1934.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th March, 1935, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1935.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

Noticed to Shareholders.

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 3rd April, 1935, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1934.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 3rd April, 1935, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD. General Managers, Hong Kong, 16th March, 1935.

GENERAL NOTICES

REMOVAL NOTICE

WE beg to notify the public that we have removed to the Hotel Cecil Basement, Entrance from Chater Road, side lane.

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Amusements

Cinema Notes

"THE AGE OF INNOCENCE"—KING'S THEATRE

"The Age of Innocence" is authentically pictured in RKO-Radio's film version of Edith Wharton's famous novel of that name. Irene Dunne and John Boles, stars of "Back Street," are again playing the leading roles in this story which deals with a love tangle in the caste-bound social circles of New York in the Seventies. Miss Dunne is seen as a girl who returns to her American relatives after a disastrous marital venture in Europe. Dreading scandal, the family opposes the severance of her ties with her dissolute husband. When Boles and she, drawn together by mutual tastes and a common revolt against the charm of the period, fall in love, the relatives are faced with an even more foundation-rocking scandal, since he is engaged to be married to her cousin.

Julie Hayden portrays the engaged cousin who is the perfect, trustful, clinging vine type of that "age of innocence." Others in the noteworthy cast include the five New York Theatre Guild artists, Lionel Atwill, Helen Westley, Laura Hope Crews, Herbert Yost, and Edith Van Cleve; and Theresa Maxwell-Conover and Leonard Carey.

"FORSAKING ALL OTHERS"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

An all-star cast with the speed and sparkle of "The Thin Man" is this latest Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production, "Forsaking All Others," now at the Queen's Theatre.

Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and Robert Montgomery, who are together for the first time, head the cast, which includes Billie Burke, Charles Butterworth, Frances Drake and Ted Healy.

With a line-up of this kind, the greatest since "Dinner at Night" and with the direction of W. S. Van Dyke, this picture provides excellent entertainment.

Joan Crawford is at her best as the society girl pursued by two men, but with a great sense of humour, about it, while Gable and Montgomery vie with one another for her smiles.

"BRITISH AGENT"—CENTRAL THEATRE

Kay Francis acts with sympathy and understanding in this First National production, "British Agent," the current attraction at the Central Theatre.

In "British Agent," she is Elena, the sweetheart. She is much more than a mere romantic interest, since most of the complications are the direct result of her machinations.

Elena, attached to the cause of Russian freedom, is beautiful, cultured, and comes from a family that once enjoyed the favour of the Romanoffs. She believes, however, that the only hope for her people is to throw off the yoke of Czarism. She dedicates her life to the cause. She sacrifices everything in her devotion to the revolutionary leaders. When love for the "British Agent" enters into her life, she accepts it because she cannot help herself, but she never lowers the banner she is carrying for her countrymen.

To her lover, England comes first; to her Russia. Enemies to the last, even in each other's arms, she plays a part that makes her the centre of the British Agent's difficulties.

Leslie Howard, Irving Pichel, Walter Byron, and William Cagney are featured.

"HIDE-OUT"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

The story of the reformation of a playboy racketeer is told in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's romantic drama, "Hide-Out," featuring Robert Montgomery and Maureen O'Sullivan, now at the Oriental Theatre.

Robert Montgomery plays one of his most whimsical roles as "Lucky" Wilson, the racketeer who driven from his favoured New York haunts by the relentless force of the law, realizes he has not discovered life and love until he finds himself "hiding in the bosom of a simple farmer's family."

Elizabeth Patterson, veteran "screen mother," appears as Maureen's mother, and Mickey Rooney, 12-year-old comedian, plays her mischievous and inquisitive young brother.

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BRIDGE NOTES

FREAK HANDS

by Ely Culbertson

My correspondence includes at least a dozen letters each day asking the correct bidding on a freak hand. My answers to these letters almost invariably run in the same vein. I am forced to tell those who submit these hands that de-finitely correct bidding cannot be given on freaks. I know that when a freak hand is dealt out in a duplicate game it is usually bid differently at the different tables—even when all the players are far use the same system. Freaks offer players a chance to show individual initiative and brilliance, and to bid their unusual holdings in such a way that an abnormal result is obtained.

Frankly I must admit that I do get a little tired of seeing seven-six and similar freak distributions in my mail each morning. However, I do not remember having printed one of these in a long time and on the theory that a little of everything is needed, I am showing one of them below which was submitted to me by Miss Gladys Canada of Lynchburg, Va. West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

North—
S—A K 7 3
H—A K Q J 9 8 7 6
D—
C—Q

West—
S—
H—
D—A K Q J 8 7 3
C—10 8 7 6 5 4

East—
S—Q 10 4
H—3 2
D—5 4
C—A K J 9 3 2

South—
S—J 9 8 6 5 2
H—10 6 4
D—10 9 6 2
C—

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

West North East South
1 D 2 D (1) 8 C 3 S
4 C (2) 6 H Pass Pass
7 C (3) Dbl (4) Pass Pass (5) Pass

1—Undoubtedly the correct bid with North's holding. North has an absolutely certain game in his own hand and a very probable slam. He shows the tremendous strength and distribution of his hand by the overall in the opponents' bid suit—which of course is force to game.

2—West knows from his partner's free bid in clubs at the level of three that a small slam is absolutely certain in clubs and a grand slam almost sure. It is barely possible from West's viewpoint that his partner has some such holding as six clubs to the King-Queen-Jack and a side Ace or King. However, it is no club losers and that accordingly seven-odd will be cold. However, West realises from North's very strong bid and from his own freak distribution that the opponents can probably make some sort of slam in either spades or hearts, and even if they do have a losing trick or tricks they will certainly have a very fine save at seven of either major suit, for the penalty will be far less than the value of a grand slam would be to East and West. West therefore decides to bid only four clubs to lure the opponents into a state of false security and conceal from North the tremendous distributional strength of his holding. West naturally is certain that the bidding will not stop at four clubs.

3—West is forced to bid seven clubs a little sooner than he expected as the opponents got to their small slam without wasting much time about it. West bids seven now, feeling almost certain that North will bet the impression that he is making this bid as a sacrifice and not with any hope of fulfilling the contract.

4—North does just what West expected him to do—and frankly I do not think North can be severely criticised—except from clubs—is a laydown and East-West one angle. North, I believe, scored over 2,000 points on the night he bid seven hearts, and instead of 200, which is all merely on the theory that seven clubs could not be penalised heavily in any case, and that seven hearts of spades would be placed there was a bare chance down one trick due to the bad distribution with North's own strong sign of the spade suit.

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EXCESS OF INCOME OVER DISBURSEMENTS 43,589,726

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Since Organization 888,330,239

ASSETS 665,378,716

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LIABILITIES 651,115,551

Almost nine-tenths of this sum represents the policy reserve—the amount set aside to guarantee all policy payments as they become due.

PAID-UP CAPITAL (\$2,000,000) and balance at credit of 3,299,728

RESERVE for depreciation mortgages and real estate 5,012,619

SURPLUS 5,950,818

14,263,165

The valuation of bonds and stocks has been made in accordance with the basis authorized by the Insurance Department of the Dominion of Canada, and in conformity with the basis authorized by the Department of Insurance of the various Provinces of Canada, and the National Convention of Insurance Commissioners of the United States. Policy liabilities have been valued by the full net level premium method, a standard more exacting than is required under the provisions of the Dominion Insurance Act.

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PETER THE LLAMA LEAVES HOME

To Be "Broken In" For Riding

London.

Like many ambitious sons, Peter, the six-months-old llama has left home—the Zoo—to earn his own living.

When Peter was "new" his mother and father adored him. But as is so often Nature's way his parents became rather tired of an idle son lounging round the house.

His mother's kisses became nips and his father's kind words became kicks. His father, known as Old Riley, had good reason to be annoyed, for his son made his wife irritable and so he was suffering for his son's sins.

So Peter has gone to Whip-snade. There is more room for llamas there, but Peter will not be allowed to have a slack existence. For the next 18 months he will be broken and trained for riding. Llamas are usually not ready for riding until they are two years old, and by the time that Peter has attained that age he should be ready to follow the llama's honourable profession.

holding, that seven clubs might be a laydown, the risk of letting the opponents play for the huge grand slam bonus was too big a one to take. However, North was haggish and decided he wanted a small profit instead of a small loss.

South, in my opinion, should have gone to seven hearts because of his void in clubs, which North did not know about. However, South had decided to let his partner, who had the strong hand, take charge of the bidding, and accordingly passed.

It is obvious of course that seven clubs is a laydown and East-West one angle. North, I believe, scored over 2,000 points on the night he bid seven hearts, and instead of 200, which is all merely on the theory that seven clubs could not be penalised heavily in any case, and that seven hearts of spades would be placed there was a bare chance down one trick due to the bad distribution with North's own strong sign of the spade suit.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programmes will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.R.W. on a wave length of 355 metres. (845 K.C.S.).

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.05-7.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

An Evening with Llist (Urbach) Saschinka (Schirrmann).

The Hermit (Schmalatich) Forest Idyll (Eessinger).

7.20-8 p.m.—Light Opera.

Vocal Gems—

Lilac Time (Schubert) Song—

Waltz Song ("Merrie England") (Garmel)

Helene Esserman (Soprano)

H.M.S. Pinafire (Sullivan)

Vocal Gems—

Lily of Killarney (Benedict)

8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

8.05-8.30 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Pianoforte Recital by Liya Gura.

Programme—

Pastorale and Capriccio

Scarlatti—Jausle

2. Prelude No. 2 Mendelssohn

At the Shoemakers Jurina

(a) Hans Sachs

(b) The Marquises Silken Silppers

(c) The Peasant's Boots

(d) Greek Bandals

(e) The shoes of the Ballet Dancer

(f) The dainty shoes of her Ladyship

(g) Shoes of a Torsador

4. Lilo Fragment

5. The Mermals

8.30-9 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestra—

You're always in my arms

Rio Rita—Selection

Humorous—

Riding down from Bangor

The King of Zulu

Instrumental—

Sweet Sue—Just you

Georgia on my mind

Nat. Corbells, and his Trumpet

Songs—

Josephine ("Little Women")

Slumberland

George Gershwin—Melody

8.25-9 p.m.—From the Studio

A Talk by Mr. H. M. Maltby, Silver

Jubilee by Mr. C. T. Peltam

8.30-9.30 p.m.—Chauve—Souris

Selection—

N. Ballet, Chauve Souris Company

9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin

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AUSTRALIA RICH IN TENNIS TALENT

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New South Wales, rather than Victoria, is at present the mint for champions. In the former State the influence of Crawford and McGrath has been felt; there have been no potential champions in Victoria since the retirement of Brookes and Patterson.

McGrath's double-handed back-hand stroke has been duplicated in the double-handed forehand of Bromwich. The visits of Crawford and Hopman to South Australia quickened the talent of Quist and Turnbull; there are obvious similarities of style between Crawford and Quist.

Sydney's Country Meeting

A feature of the Sydney summer season is the country tournament, a kind of jamboree for rural players, held on the championship courts at White City. Mr. Henry Marsh, an old international, who was formerly President of the N.S.W. Association, has made this huge gathering, his first love—and a very fine incentive for juniors it has proved. The competitors are never "petted"; they often play round the clock; each day's share of umpiring recognition of outstanding skill follows quickly.

Both sexes are in court, I need hardly add. Girl players in Australia do not get the opportunities for travel and varied play which European girls enjoy. Nevertheless, they have the same temperamental virtues as the men; their courage and calmness are noticeable.

One does not forget that an Australian women's team, touring abroad about a decade ago, did not lose a single international match; and they played 13 countries, including France, with Miss Leng, in the home side. To-day there

China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Hockey.—
Punjab Regiment v. Fusiliers
(Marina Ground, 5 p.m.)
R.A. Officers v. Y.M.C.A.
(Marina Ground, 5.15 p.m.)
Snooker.—Steel Coulson League—
Water Police v. Royal Engineers
J. and P. O. v. Garrison Sgts.
St. Patrick's Club v. Central Police
Dockyard Police v. Prison Warders
(7 p.m.)

are two girls, Miss Coyne and Miss Wynne, who have a better style and perhaps show more promise than Miss Hartigan.

Absence Of Barracking

As for championship crowds in Australia, I heard none of the barracking which I had been told existed. A more decorous, impartial gathering than that assembled round the courts at Kooyong during the big tournament in January I have never encountered in any of my travels.

The surface of Australian courts, as of that in other countries, varied with the soil and the climate. It chanced to be an abnormally wet summer. The Kooyong courts at Melbourne a fortnight before the championships were due to begin were flooded to the height of 30 ft. The resuscitation of three of them in time was a miracle.

The Sydney courts had rather more wind around them than the fastidious player would prefer, but since the turf is used all the year round they were wonderfully good. Those at Adelaide struck me, as they have struck others, as the best in the country, and the courts at Perth, in addition to providing a fine playing surface, have an environment that any ground in the world might envy. Unfortunately, I was unable to visit Brisbane.

JACK HOBBS--THE MASTER BATSMAN--RETIRES JOE KIRKWOOD'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE

SHORTLY TO PUBLISH
BOOK ON GOLF
SELECTS HIS BEST GOLFER

Singapore, March 13.
JOE Kirkwood, the well-known Australian golfer, arrived in Singapore yesterday by the s.s. Gorgon in the course of a world tour. He now resides in Chicago and has just been revisiting the country of his birth.

Mr. Kirkwood said he hopes shortly to publish a book on golf, the first he has written and which, in his own words "will be different from any book hitherto published on the subject."

Interviewed, Mr. Kirkwood said this was his first visit to Singapore. He had always been very anxious to come here, but had not had the opportunity before. He has now set out to see the East and has already covered 20,000 miles on his present tour.

LADIES' HOCKEY TRIAL

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Miss F. Wong is the one and only selection for the right-wing berth, while Miss O. Brown should solve the left-wing problem.

Powerful Inside-Forwards

Miss S. Dalziel and Miss P. Gittins, in the inside-right and left positions, respectively, would complete the most powerful team the Best can field.

The following are the teams:
Colours.—E. Best (C.B.A.); M. Basto (C.B.A.); C. Osmund (C.B.A.); I. Woolley (St. Andrews); J. Wong (St. Andrews); and M. Bryson (C.B.A.); F. Wong (St. Andrews); S. Dalziel (C.B.A.); Mrs. White (St. Andrews); M. Smith (C.B.A.) and O. Brown ("Y" Ladies).

Whites.—W. George ("Y" Ladies); P. McCaw ("Y" Ladies) and P. Woolley (C.B.A.); E. Beavis (C.B.A.); M. Xavier (C.B.A.); E. Thomson ("Y" Ladies); R. Blackmore (C.B.A.); P. Gittins (St. Andrews); Mrs. F. J. Kayll ("Y" Ladies); A. Fowler ("Y" Ladies); and M. Remedios (C.B.A.).

SHANGHAI BADMINTON

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was not at his best, he steadied up in the third game to contribute his share of work towards the victory.

W. A. H. Duff played very well for a comparative newcomer to the game, and was quite as good as North, the latter showing up well in the earlier games, especially the second. It will be remembered he was a member of the Tientsin Interport team which played against Shanghai and is a very experienced player.

Women's Match Exciting

The ladies' singles match brought out the most thrilling conclusion of all three matches. Miss Lamba was leading by 10-6 in the third game and twice had the winning service, but could not score the necessary one point to take the game, with the result that Miss Decima Eardley, playing up splendidly despite the handicap of her deficit, caught up to 10-10 and went on to win 13-10.

Miss Lamba had the advantage of superior height and reach and maintained an aggressive type of play throughout, forcing her shorter opponent to the back of the court, and then scoring by playing soft short shots just over the net. She utilized this type of play to good effect, but the strain of the pace told on her and her more active opponent, through superior stamina was able to bring off the victory.

Decima Eardley played a very steady game and her placing often caught her opponent out of position. Outstanding was her ability to fight back when the position seemed hopeless.

Mixed Doubles

The final contest of the evening was the mixed doubles where G. Clarke proved the outstanding player, backing up Miss Isa Sinclair with very steady play, and being able to retrieve some extraordinary difficult shots.

Isa Sinclair put up a fine showing and is rapidly coming to the fore as one of the leading badminton exponents here. John Berents played up very well and was in better form than seen

Kirkwood, who has completed in most international tournaments since 1923, was fourth in the British open and seventh in the American open last year. He won the Canadian and North and South open championships in 1933.

He is leaving for Manila next week, and will visit China, Japan and Honolulu before returning to the United States in June to compete in the American open championships. He also intends competing for the British Open this year.

In his opinion, Gene Sarazen is the best player actively engaged in the game to-day. Henry Cotton ranks next.

The Americans are bound to win the Ryder Cup again this year, he said.

Tremendous Strides
Golf had made tremendous strides in Australia but they had not yet reached the stage of producing a player who could win the British Open title. They probably would produce such a player in a few years time.

Mr. Kirkwood, who has concentrated on giving exhibitions and demonstrations of trick shots, says he has always tried to show that golf could be interesting, instructive and spectacular.

People did not have to walk long distances over the course to follow his play. They sat round a green in comfort while he demonstrated.

BRITAIN WILL WIN DAVIS CUP

American's Forecast

PERRY TO REMAIN TENNIS KING

Fred Perry will remain world tennis king and Britain will keep the Davis Cup this year, unless events prove wrong the forecast of Jack Doyle, Broadway betting commissioner.

Doyle has seen the champions of half a century pass in review, and in the book he has made up for 1935 Baer and Miss Jacobs and the British tennis team are the only odds-on favourites.

His book:
Baer, heavyweight: Too much power. He's 8 to 6.

Miss Jacobs, Tennis: Even if Willis returns, Jacobs 4 to 5 choice.

Olin Dutra, U.S. Open: Jones, at best was 4 to 1. Dutra 8 to 1.

Jim London, Wrestling: He's been around a long time for a wrestler. 3 to 1.

Lawson Little, U.S. British amateur golf: 15 to 1.

Virginia Van Wle, U.S. Golf: Women's golf very upstart. 10 to 1.

Fred Perry, World tennis king: Fred is no Tilden, and the competition's tough. 5 to 2.

British Davis Cup team: Balanced team. Weak opposition. 1 to 2.

Earlier in the evening when playing in the men's doubles, but in his driving style with Clarke, he more often than not came off second best.

Mrs. Arnold-Jones was very steady and played some very good short shots.

JAPANESE DAVIS CUP PLAYERS TO PLAY IN COLONY

ARRIVE HERE ON
FRIDAY

DAVIS CUP MATCH PLAY
STANDARD MAY BE SEEN

The two Japanese Davis Cup players, Yamagishi and Nishimura, who are on their way to Europe, and who are due to arrive in Hong Kong on Friday, will appear in exhibition games on the Hong Kong C. C. courts in the afternoon.

An attractive programme has been tentatively arranged by the Lawn Tennis Association. The tit-bit of the exhibition will be a singles match between the two players. It is hoped to induce them to play two sets against each other.

Yamagishi is the present national singles champion of Japan, having beaten Nishimura in the final. These two have contested the final for the last two years; in 1934 Nishimura won, after a fine match.

Local Players
In addition it is expected that two local players will mix in with the visitors in one set of doubles; while the Rumjahn cousins will make their customary appearance in a doubles against the Japanese pair.

A charge of \$1 for reserved seats is being made and these will be bookable at Messrs. Moutrie's as from to-day. There will be 550 reserved seats on the stand court.



CRICKET SEASON IN AUSTRALIA

Fleetwood Smith And
Bromley Shine

VICTORIA RETAINS SHIELD

The Australian first-class cricket season—not one of special distinction—has ended.

It will be a year before the leading players are seen there again.

The South African tour next summer will take away the best 14 available men.

Young players in Australia are particularly quick to seize chances. Next season they will have the field to themselves.

A peculiarity of the Sheffield Shield season is that three players who had only moderate success on the English tour—L. S. Darling, E. H. Bromley and L. O. B. Fleetwood-Smith—have been outstanding.

All three play for Victoria, who, despite the retirement of W. M. Woodful and W. H. Ponsford, kept the Shield.

Entries For Spring Meeting Of Fanling Hunt & Race Club

The spring meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwantai on Sunday, March 31. The following are the entries with weights:

2.30 P.M. THE HUNTERS' HURDLE RACE.—1½ miles for China Ponies, bona fide hunters that have started at Kwantai at least twice this season, and not been placed. Catchweight 168 lbs.

Winner.—A Cup: 2nd—\$30; 3rd—\$20. Entry \$3.

Jan. Stewer, Mortmain, Moucha, Moynagh and Tummell.

2.—THE LADIES' RACE.—A handicap hurdle race of 1½ miles for China ponies, bona fide hunters. Winners at Kwantai this season barred. To be ridden by ladies.

Winner.—A Cup: 2nd—\$30; 3rd—\$20. Entry \$3.

Happy Hk (125), King Willow (120), Marina (127), The Bogie (Late Wonderful Chivalry) (125), The Snipe (120), Tim (120) and Wembley Stag (140).

19 Entries.

THE SHANTIN HANDICAP.—A handicap of 1½ miles for China Ponies. Weight 160 lbs. Ponies that have not started in a handicap

THE CRICKETER AND THE MAN

HIS RECORD BREAKING
PERFORMANCES

TRULY GREAT LOSS TO GAME

(By THOMAS MOULT)

London, February 26.

JACK HOBBS, the famous Surrey and England batsman, announced yesterday that he had decided to retire from first-class cricket. Hobbs' retirement was foreshadowed last summer, when he told me that he feared there was no longer any room for him in the Surrey XI.

We have had time to prepare ourselves for this great loss to cricket. Hobbs' appearances on the field have been infrequent in recent seasons, and when he made his 197th century at Manchester last May the Lancashire members greeted his return from the crease to the pavilion by singing "Auld lang syne."

But cricket lovers everywhere will not feel the loss any less keenly, for he has been the best-loved figures in the whole realm of games for nearly 30 years.

When, in August, 1930, he went out to bat at Kennington Oval, his home ground, for the last time as a Test player, he found himself in a dramatic scene that the tens of thousands who witnessed it will never forget.

Australians' Tribute

The Australians gathered round him at the wicket, and raising their caps and giving three cheers, paid their farewell tribute to the supremacy with the bat and the manliness, both on and off the field, of one who had been their most dreaded opponent in the stern and stirring struggle for the legendary "Ashes."

Two years earlier, on the Sydney cricket ground, the crowds of Australia gave Hobbs a farewell birthday gift, and made him the object of a public show of admiration and affection that has never been surpassed.

M. A. Nobles' Prayer

M. A. Noble, the Australian old-time captain, who bowled Hobbs out in the very first Test match he

SOUTH AFRICANS TO MEET ALL-HOLLAND SIDE

Cricket Match To Follow This
Summer's English Tour

The South African Board of Control have accepted an invitation from the Dutch Cricket Association to play a match in Holland at the conclusion of the South African tour in England this summer. The match against All Holland has been arranged to take place at The Hague on September 14 and 15.

ever played, back in January, 1908, offered publicly a "prayer" at the same time: "Give our Jack health and strength. Let him blossom forth with renewed and fuller richness than ever and satisfy our sporting souls."

Hobbs has gone in No. 1 for England practically always since that first appearance 27 years ago, except ill-health or injury kept him out of the side. He has batted on 102 occasions against Australia, South Africa or the West Indies, and of these 71 were against Australia. He has made 5,410 runs in the international game, including 15 centuries.

Just Missed 200th Century

That he has failed by three to reach his 200th century in first-class cricket—he made the first in his first county match against Essex in 1905—has been for him a disappointment. Had it not been for the war, however, he would have done so long ago.

But the record number of hundreds that he holds, in spite of this, is not likely to be beaten. It is only one of many records he has created during his wonderful career.

He has scored 61,221 runs, against 54,896 by W. G. Grace, who went on playing until he was 60, whereas Hobbs has finished in his 52nd year. He has made more hundreds in a season than any other player—16 in 1925—and on six occasions he has made two separate centuries in a match.

Magnificent Records

His first-wicket partnerships of three figures—with Rhodes, C. B. Fry and Sutcliffe for England and with Hayward and Sandham for Surrey—have totalled 168, among them Anglo-Australian records of 323 at Melbourne and the Anglo-South African records of 268 at Lord's. Magnificent figures! And when Hobbs' turn came to field he proved himself a king at cover-point. He has also bowled for England.

His health has not been very satisfactory of late, and although in future he hopes to play cricket in a smaller way, he will devote himself mainly to authorship and cricket journalism. He is, I understand, at present engaged on the story of his cricketing career. But however well it is told, it cannot be any more than a small consolation for the disappearance of the Master.

H.K. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Hon. Mr. C. G. Mackie
Reviews The Year

Election Of Officers

A comprehensive review of trade in the Colony during the past year was given by the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie in his presidential address at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Uncleared and bankrupt stocks—a legacy of 1931 over-trading—were again blamed for seriously handicapping new business in textiles, which are one of the largest individual items of import.

The Chairman also referred to America's silver-purchasing policy and said that instead of improving China's purchasing power it had the opposite effect in that it was paralysing China's export trade and depriving her of the wherewithal to purchase foreign goods. Interesting reference was also made to Hong Kong's place in the Imperial Preference scheme.

During the course of his address Mr. Mackie said:

"I am decidedly not at one with those who fear that China's natural and inevitable industrial growth has sounded the death knell of the import trade either here or in China."

The attendance was as follows: The Chairman of the Chamber (the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie) supported by the Vice-Chairman (Mr. W. H. Bell) and the following members of the General Committee:—The Hon. Mr. J. S. Paterson, Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Mr. A. W. Hughes, Mr. C. C. Knight, Mr. G. Miskin, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. T. E. Pearce, and Mr. G. C. Pelham. (co-opted member).

The following individual members and firms were represented:—Mr. M. P. Talati; The Advertising and Publicity Bureau, Ltd., (Mrs. B. Thompson); Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co., Ltd., (Mr. A. Alves); The Asiatic Petroleum Co., (South China) Ltd., (Mr. W. H. Bell); J. H. Backhouse, Ltd., (Mr. J. Harrop); Bradley & Co., Ltd., (Mr. K. S. Morrison); The British-American Tobacco Co., (China) Ltd., (Mr. F. Stafford Smith); Butterfield and Swire (Mr. C. C. Knight); Caldwell, Macgregor & Co., Ltd., (Mr. J. F. Macgregor); The Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., (Mr. L. E. N. Ryan); The Central Agency, Ltd., (Mr. C. W. Langley); The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China (Mr. A. Brearley); Davis, Hoag & Co., Ltd., (Mr. W. A. Stewart and Mr. A. R. Brown); Dodwell & Co., Ltd., (Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell); The Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., (Mr. S. T. Williamson); F. Feld & Co., Ltd., (Mr. O. Hechtel); Fung Tang (Mr. Wong Tak-kwong); Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd., (Mr. N. M. Currie); Gilman & Co., Ltd., (Mr. G. Miskin); The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., (Mr. T. C. Beck); T. M. Gregory & Co., (Mr. T. M. Gregory); The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., (Mr. V. Sorby); The Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., (Mr. O. Eager); The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Mr. V. M. Grayburn); The Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., (Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy and Mr. W. F. Simmons); J. D. Hutchison & Co., (Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. P. S. Cassidy); G. E. Huygen (Mr. O. Hechtel); The Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd., (Mr. J. S. Cooper); Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., (the Hon. Mr. J. S. Paterson); Jensen & Co., (Mr. J. H. Jensen); Kailan Mining Administration (Mr. A. C. I. Bowker); W. R. Loxley & Co., (China) Ltd., (Mr. T. A. Mitchell); Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., (the Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie and Mr. M. T. Johnson); Messageries Maritimes (Mr. R. Ohl); Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd., (Mr. T. Kimura); A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd., (Mr. Wong Oi-kut); The Peninsula and Oriental Banking Corporation (Mr. W. J. Waddington); Peterson & Co., (Mr. H. Arfas); J. M. da Rocha & Co., (Mr. J. M. da Rocha); The Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., (Mr. T. A. Mitchell); David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., (Mr. R. Stork); Slomson & Co., (Mr. H. Stehr and Mr. L. E. Liedke); The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., (Mr. A. W. Hughes); The Union Trading Co., Ltd., (Mr. R. L. Dixon); The Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., (Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell); Harry Wicking & Co., Ltd., (the Hon. Mr. J. S. Paterson); Wilkinson and Grist (Mr. J. T. Prior); and S. T. Williamson & Co., (Mr. S. T. Williamson).

General Committee Proposed by Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy.



Cleanthe Carr, noted woman artist, records the facial expressions of the members of the Hauptmann jury as they hear the defence testimony. They had to decide the fate of the man accused of kidnapping and murdering Baby Lindbergh, and found him guilty of murder in the first degree. Then they went back to their homes and farms in the vicinity of Flemington to pick up life where they left it six weeks earlier.

H.K. ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

CELEBRATIONS ARRANGED FOR APRIL 23

At the annual meeting of the Society of St. George held in the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club yesterday evening, it was decided that the celebrations on St. George's Day April 23, take the usual form of a band concert, providing the military bands are available.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt was unanimously elected President of the Society for the ensuing year with Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy as Vice-President.

Sir William Hornell (President) presided.

Officers Elected

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President—Mr. G. S. Archbutt; Vice-President—Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy; Committee.—Hon. Sir Thomas Southorn, Messrs. J. K. Bousfield, P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cornhill, J. D. Danby, S. H. Dodwell, V. M. Grayburn, J. Scott Harston, V. C. Labrum, A. B. Raworth, G. G. N. Tinson and G. G. Wood; Secretaries and Treasurers—Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

Those present at the meeting were: Sir William Hornell, Hon. Mr. G. S. Archbutt, Lt. Col. H. D. L. Dowbiggin, Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, L. C. F. Bellamy, J. K. Bousfield, P. S. Cassidy, W. A. Cornhill, J. D. Danby, G. G. N. Tinson, G. B. Labrum, J. H. R. Hance and H. C. B. Way.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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"National Steel has declared an extra dividend of 12½ cents. The company record date is April 20. "Mill activity is estimated at 46.1 per cent of capacity."—Reuter.

Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Company's report on the opening of the markets:—

The opening of Wall Street to-day was mixed with the trend slightly lower, on light activity.

The cotton market is meeting selling on rallies, particularly in new crops. The tone of the market is steady.

We believe that taking profits on bulges is a good policy to follow for the present.

Standard Statistics recommends buying National Dairy Products and Montgomery Ward.

and seconded by Mr. M. P. Talati, the following were re-elected to the General Committee:—The Hon. Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, the Hon. Mr. J. S. Paterson, Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, Mr. A. W. Hughes, Mr. C. C. Knight, G. Miskin, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr. A. L. Shields.

The Chairman proposed that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors. This was seconded by Mr. T. A. Mitchell and was passed unanimously.

Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Hon. Mr. J. S. Paterson, the election of Mr. D. G. Glenn Allen and Messrs. Peterson and Co. to the Chamber was confirmed.

Tribute to Mr. Mackie

A tribute to the work of the Hon. Mr. Mackie, who will be retiring and leaving the Colony shortly, was paid by Mr. W. H. Bell at the conclusion of the meeting.

INQUEST ON AIR-LEAP SISTERS

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passengers were determined to get out you could do nothing to prevent it," said the coroner.

Mr. Kilton: If anybody had been inside they could have stopped it. The coroner: You, from your position, could have done nothing?—Nothing.

Fell Like Paper Bag

A description of how he saw the bodies falling from the plane was given by George William Watling, a gas fitter, employed by the Romford Gas Company, who said that about 10.15 a.m. on Thursday, with two other men, he was working in Park-drive, Upminster, when they heard an aeroplane.

"We looked up, and as we looked we saw something falling from the clouds. It looked to me like a paper bag, such as you would use for a pound of fruit, and then it gradually got larger. It turned over and over as it came down. As it got bigger and nearer the earth it looked more like a large retriever dog falling on its back."

Mr. Watling said that he found the two bodies lying about 4ft. from a pavement. They were lying on their faces head to head, and one was gripping the shoulder of the other.

Police-constable Strange said that the hand of one of the girls was clasping the wrist of the other. Where they fell there was a depression in the ground six inches deep.

Det-sergt. Stanley said that inside the plane he found a lady's shoe, and on a seat were two books, some cigarettes and a small bottle of whisky partly full. In another part were a suitcase, two pairs of gloves and two handbags.

In one of the handbags he found, among other things, two sealed letters—one addressed to Mrs. du Bois and the other to Mr. du Bois. There was no sign of disturbance or struggle of any kind inside the plane.

Forced To Read Letters

The coroner said, "Now I shall have to read these letters. I think I can read the originals. They are quite legible. This is the one to the father. It begins, 'Darling Court.'"

At this point Mr. Gowen interrupted. "The father of the girls has expressed the hope that the Press might consider the desirability of leaving the contents out of the newspapers, because that would only add to his grief. Mr. du Bois has not yet read the letters himself. He had planned to read them to his wife alone together with her at some future date, when he might feel fit to do it."

"The mother of Mrs. du Bois is over 80 years of age, and is very broken up and upset. She may see the contents of the letters in the Press. Mr. du Bois expresses the hope that only a summary of the letters might be given."

The coroner replied, "I am afraid I have very carefully considered these letters have a bearing upon the case. In the absence of these letters I do not think the jury would be able to record a verdict which they might ultimately give after they had heard them."

Letters Read

The coroner then took up the two letters. The first one, he said, was addressed to the father. It read: "Darling Court—We have never explained things to you as we

should. There has been so much doubt and worry. You have been kind to us and forgiven us much, and you will forgive us this, as you must have felt a little of what we did when we heard of the flying boat crashing up."

The coroner said that this part of the letter was written by one of the girls. The next paragraph was written by the second girl, and read:

"Do you remember Charles telling us about the corridors? The one before us seems pretty straight."

"Charles was engaged to another girl, but he was going to break it off, and we would have been married this summer probably. There will never be anyone else for me."

"We heard of his death in Paris on Monday quite casually. We came on to London the next morning, and came to the Ritz. We did not want to see anyone. Comfort mother with all your strength."

The coroner explained that that was in the handwriting of the other girl.

Then the letter finished up as follows: "I think she will feel it was right, as we do. Our love is with you now. God bless you—Betty and Jane."

"Nothing Wicked"

"ABSOLVED FROM OUR SINS"

The coroner said that the other letter was written in a similar way. It started in the same handwriting as that at the beginning of the other letter, and said:

"Mother, darling, don't doubt that we are with you now and always and with great love. Please don't think that we have done anything wicked, for we were given good proof that if there is a rule an exception has been made for us."

"We went to St. Martin-in-the-Fields because they were to pray for Charles and Pat during the service."

"They knew we had not been confirmed, but they let us take Communion and be absolved from our sins. The Lesson was the Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard. We have only worked one hour but we shall be given our penny."

Other Girl's Handwriting

The coroner explained that the second part of the letter was in the handwriting of the other girl, and read:

"You must have known when you heard of the crash in Sicily that it would pull us over the line, which has never been well defined for us."

"I think you knew that Charles and I were going to spend our lives together, and I must keep my part of the bargain. It is all good."

The next part of the letter was in the other sister's handwriting.

"We want there to be nothing in this letter to hurt. It is only the small things, the sentimentalities, that do that."

"Think of us as undivided, happy as we would never have been if our lives had become complicated with servants, and more difficult with other people than we realised. Sure of our way and never far from you. We

FUNERAL OF LATE SUB-INSP. CARSON

Burial Yesterday At Happy Valley

LARGE GATHERING AT GRAVESIDE

The funeral of the late Acting Sub-Inspector Thomas Carson, who was found shot in his quarters at the Kowloon Police Station on Sunday night, was held at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. The Rev. J. H. Higgs officiated at the graveside. The flag-draped coffin, on top of which were the deceased's helmet and bayonet, was borne to the grave by Sergeants Hudson, Grove, Barrows, Alexander, Brooks and Johnson.

Sergeant A. J. Johnson was the chief mourner and among those present were D. Burlingham (Deputy Inspector-General of Police), W. R. Scott (Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation), W. la B. Sparrow (Assistant Superintendent of Police), Chief Inspector Murphy (Central), Chief Inspector F. W. Shafton (Kowloon), Sub-Inspector R. J. Hunt, Inspector J. Brennan, Inspector G. A. Stimson, Inspector K. W. Andrew, Sub-Inspector S. Logan, Inspector Wright, and contingents from all the Police Stations.

Wreaths

Wreaths were sent by the following: Mr. D. Burlingham, Divisional Inspector Stimson and family, Inspector and Mrs. Busat, Inspector J. Buman, Detective Sub-Inspector C. Poyntz, Inspector and Mrs. Logan, Sergeant Bower, D. Brown and B. Flaherty, B. and N. Simpson, Mr. T. H. Daly, Sergeants Harris and McLeod, Sergeants George and Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Estall, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. V. Footh, Mrs. F. S. Elliott and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Post, Mr. and Mrs. D. Scy, Mr. and Mrs. P. Grant, Mr. K. H. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Madgwick, Mr. and Mrs. Tuckett, Mr. and Mrs. D. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. and Mrs. V. Abbas and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chester Woods, Mr. and Mrs. H. McKay, Messrs. M. A. Cairn, T. Nolan, L. R. Whant, A. E. Ainsworth, Tai Mun, Chan Heung-wai, Man Cheng, Lee Fung-king, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright, Chiu Kwan-kit, J. P. Pang, M. Murphy, Inspectors Mess, Yaumati Police Station, European Sergeants, R.C.Y., Sergeant's Mess Members of the Royal Naval Yard Police, Single Sergeants Mess, No. 2 Police Station, President, Committee and Members of the Police Recreation Club, Members of the Water Police Mess, Staff of Police Training School, All Detectives, Kowloon: City Station, Sergeants' Mess, Sham Shui Po Police Station, "The Members" Central Mess, Messrs. Dodwell and Company, Joe and Sandy, Dave and Kathleen, Joe and Busty, and many others.

love you, and that can never be broken or destroyed."

The coroner said that the letter finished up in another handwriting, as follows: "This is the greatest trust we have ever put in you—For ever, Betty and Jane."

"There can be no doubt that the two girls jumped from this aeroplane and so met their deaths in this tragic manner. After having heard these letters I think you can also say that they were not in the right state of mind at the time they did it."

The jury after a short retirement returned in each case a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind.

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	1935	1935	1935	1935
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
POULTRY.				
Chicken	lb.	42	30	
Capon, Small	"	45	28	
Large	"	48	28	
Duck	"	35	22	
Doves	each	30	22	
Eggs, Hen (cooking) per doz.		30	18	
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	"	32	25	
Fowl, Hainan	lb.	40	25	
Canton	"	58	—	
Geese	"	30	28	
Pigeons, Canton	each	50	80	
Hainan	"	40	29	
Turkeys, Cock	lb.	68	—	
Hen	"	60	61	
Snipe	each	18	—	
Pheasant	pair	1.60	2.20	
Quail	each	15	—	
Partridge	"	70	10	
FRUITS.				
Almonds	lb.	40	85	
Apples (California)	"	16	28	
Bananas (India's)	"	5	4	
Carambola	"	—	—	
Cocoanuts	each	12	10	
Lemons, China	lb.	10	—	
Lemons, Americas	each	9	10	
Lichees, Dried	lb.	120	25	
Oranges (Canton)	"	12	—	
Oranges (Sweet)	"	18	—	
Pears (Canton)	"	18	—	
Oranges (Americas)	each	10	—	
Persimmons, Large	"	—	—	
Pineapple, Siam	each	10	12	
Walnuts	"	20	—	
Grapes	"	—	—	
VEGETABLES, ETC.				
Artichokes	lb.	12	—	
Beans, Sprout	"	4	—	
Long	"	—	—	
Best Root	"	12	—	
Brinjals, Green	"	8	5	
Red	"	8	5	
Cabbage, Chinese	"	8	—	
(Shanghai)	"	8	12	
Cauliflower (Large)	each	18	—	
(Medium)	"	14	—	
(Small)	"	10	—	
Carrots	lb.	6	15	
Celery, Chinese	"	16	10	
Chilies, Dried	"	24	25	
Red	"	24	18	
Green	"	10	8	
Curry Stuff, English	"	10	8	
Okra	"	12	—	
Garlic	"	10	8	
Clinger, Young	"	12	7	
Old	"	10	20	
Horseradish, S'hai	"	50	8	
Indian Corn	each	7	—	
Lettuce	lb.	6	1	
Okra	"	8	—	
Onions, Bombay	"	8	8	
Green	"	6	4	
Shanghai	"	6	6	
Parsley	lb.	1.20	60	
Potato, sweet	"	4	8	
Japanese	"	4	8	
American	"	8	3	
Pumpkin	"	4	4	
Radish	bunch	6	—	
Pharab (Fresh)	"	14	—	
Turnips, Punt	"	8	4	
(Long)	"	8	—	
Vegetable Marrow	"	7	18	
Water Cress	"	8	—	
Water Lily Root	"	8	—	
Spinach	lb.	6	2	
Tomatoes	"	10	4	
BUTCHER MEAT.				
Beef Sirloin	lb.	30	24	
Prime Cut	"	30	28	
Corned	"	35	23	
Roast	"	30	24	
Breast	"	34	20	
Soup	"	25	20	
Steak	"	30	24	
Steak Sirloin	"	45	30	
Sausages	"	38	28	
Bullock's Brains	per set	17	10	
Tongue, fresh	each	70	50	
" corned	"	1.00	60	
Head	"	2.00	—	
Heart	lb.	24	20	
Hump, Salt	"	20	20	
Feet	each	10	10	
Kidneys	"	15	10	
Tail	"	25	20	
Liver	lb.	24	12	
Tripe	"	30	20	
Calves' Head & Feet	set	1.80	1.00	
Mutton Chop	lb.	44	38	
Leg	"	44	38	
Shoulder	"	40	28	
Saddle	"	44	—	
Brains	per set	10	—	
Pig's Chitterlings	"	52	27	
Feet	lb.	15	15	
Fry	"	28	18	
Head	"	15	10	
Kidneys	"	15	10	
Liver	lb.	40	60	
Pork's Chop	"	28	25	
Lion	"	38	—	
Leg	"	30	60	
Fat or Lard	"	20	21	
Sheep's Head & Feet	per set	80	60	
Heart	each	12	8	
Kidneys	"	15	10	
Liver	lb.	45	80	
FISH.				
Sucking Pigs, to order	lb.	25	25	
Suet, Beef	"	30	20	
Suet, Beef	"	33	28	
Mutton	"	36	26	
Veal	"	40	20	
Sausages	"	28	—	
No. 1	"	32	—	
Barbel	lb.	28	15	
Bream	"	22	24	
Canton Fresh Water Fish	"	20	—	
Godfish	"	32	15	
Crabs	"	42	65	
Buttle-Fish	"	14	65	
Dance	"	32	10	
Kell, Conger	"	80	10	
Yellow	"	30	20	
Frogs	"	48	25	
Caroupa	"	35	35	
Gudgeon	"	16	40	
Herrings	"	20	22	
Halibut	"	32	13	
Lobster	"	62	68	
Mackerel	"	40	62	
Mullet	"	28	18	
Oysters	"	38	12	
Pearch	"	18	30	
Pike	"	38	15	
Plaice	"	42	30	
Pomfret, White	"	44	38	
Pomfret, Black	"	24	38	
Prawns	"	58	10	
Roach	"	24	30	
Salmon	"	70	38	
Shark	"	40	35	
Sturgeon	"	24	10	
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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Tuesday, March 26, 1935.

The Chinese Eastern Railway

To-day the Japanese resignation from the League of Nations takes effect, after the expiration of two year interval prescribed by the Covenant, and another step has been taken towards the achievement of the ideal of the aggressive military party of a Far Eastern combination which is intended apparently to go beyond anything that could be called independence or equality with the Western Powers, so much was secured by membership of the League, to an attitude of defiance. There was at one time some hope that before the date arrived more friendly counsels would have prevailed; but the notice of abrogation of the Naval Treaty showed that the policy of isolation was to become permanent. It now appears doubtful whether any new Naval Treaty will be negotiated. So far as practical limitation of armaments is concerned the abrogation makes little difference, for all the Powers concerned have built as many ships by way of "replacement" as they had money for; the maximum force was fixed at so high a level that most likely no more ships would have been laid down if there had been no agreement at all. The advantage was that everybody knew the worst that could be expected, and that a general agreement avoids the appearance of an "encircling" alliance against any one or more Powers left outside. The result of the similar withdrawal by Germany is that already in Europe there is an appearance of a combination of Nations against her that was not intended, and that reminds one too forcibly of old conditions that were fatal to peace.

The terms of the sale of the Chinese Eastern Railway have been initiated, and the three documents are in transit to the Governments concerned. The final transfer will mark another era begun in Japanese relations with the Soviets. No railway has ever been the cause of so much heartburning and strife. It was the last lap of the long Odyssey of Tsarist Russia from the Baltic to the Pacific. Russia was always the Great Power of the North, and for long was shut up in the vast inland steppes till Peter the Great inspired her with the ambition of naval power by building St. Petersburg. But the ports of the Baltic are closed by ice in the winter; and in any case a navy in that sea can be easily bottled up by the narrow Cattegat channel at the other end. So the search for a

"warm-water port" became a national slogan, and England's anxiety for the protection of India forced her willy-nilly into the position of antagonist, first in preventing the occupation of Constantinople at the Berlin Congress, then in protecting the independence of Persia. The series of scares about "Russian aggression" at Merv and Herat were the natural consequence. That better relations would have been possible was shown when a greater menace created the "Triple Entente". But in the meantime Russia had been driven further East, and the seizure of Vladivostok set Japan arming and building a Navy. The search for warm water had so nearly succeeded that the progress Southwards towards Port Arthur was a logical next step; and it was certain that only utter defeat in war would compel Japan to acquiesce in the existence of a great arsenal which was described as "a spearpoint pointed at her heart." The alliance with England prevented foreign interference from the Powers that had previously compelled her to surrender Port Arthur after it had been seized from China; and the Treaty of Portsmouth established the very artificial settlement which somehow managed to survive till the occupation of Mukden in defiance of the terms of that Treaty. Once the compromise had been upset it was hardly possible that the C.E.R. should remain as a Russian administration in the midst of a Japanese Protectorate; but it does not look like any more permanent arrangement that a Japanese railway should be the link of communication between Russia and a Russian port.

One is impressed in retrospect by the interconnection of events that are separated geographically by many miles, and historically by many years. The course of history moves in broad sweeps. Statesmen and Generals write their names on the record, but are they not often mere pawns in a game played by forces over which they have no control at all? Already the Charhar-Jehol operations have been countered by new Siberian fortifications that the key to the railway strategy of East Asia has been shifted to the Southern end of Lake Balkal. And Russia has begun to secure a more distant base by the sudden volte face of joining the League and making a whole series of treaties with her Western neighbours that are hailed as so many triumphs of a policy of pacification. And incidentally this movement towards peace has been countered by an entente between Germany, Poland, and Roumania inspired by sympathy with dreams of conquest foreshadowed in Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf"; and there has been quite a flirtation between Germany and Japan on the common ground of recession from

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

SUING PATIENTS

The case decided recently in London in which a surgeon sued a patient for his fee is unusual, but not unprecedented.

It is widely believed that doctors and dentists cannot sue their patients if they fail to pay. This is not the case.

By an Act of Parliament passed in 1858, registered doctors can sue for their fees, and surgeons for the cost of an operation, though not for general medical attention.

The same privileges were extended to dentists 20 years later.

The rarity of such actions is due to a fear in the profession that lawsuits may damage a man's practice.

WINCHESTER'S CHAPLAIN

The Rev. S. A. McDowell, who has died at Winchester after nearly 30 years as chaplain and science master, was once described as having "one foot in chapel, the other in 'stinks building,' and his head in the clouds."

He had a fund of natural good humour. On one occasion he read a paper on Ducks to the Natural History Society. An innocent-looking inquirer asked, "What is a cud-duck?" His smiling answer, "I do not remember ever seeing one," left honours easy.

Cud-duck is Winchester slang for a pretty face.

Your Daily Smile!

Lady: "Oh, please, constable, help me find my husband. I've lost him in the crowd."
Constable: "How shall I recognise him?"

Lady: "Well, he's got a picture of Britannia tattooed on his chest."

So Long!

Then here's the one about the new chavetail who had his platoon marching away from him. The men had gone some distance and were headed straight for an embankment, and the second lieutenant war speechless. At last the regular army sergeant instructor yelled to the new officer: "Say something, if it's only good by!"

Preferred the Slaw.
"Good morning!" said the canvasser, "I have here a simple gadget to prevent doors from slamming."
"Not this door, thank you."

Repetition
Professor: "Have I told this joke in class before?"
Class (in chorus): "Yes!"
Professor: "Good! This will make twice. The third time you will probably understand it."

ARMY OFFICER ROBBED

Jewellery Valued
At \$640

Loss of jewellery to the value of \$640 is reported to have been stolen from Capt. R. Henderson's residence, "Highlands", Austin Road, Kowloon, sometime after 8 o'clock on Sunday evening.

The burglar gained entrance by breaking one of windows. The stolen jewellery included military medals and a valuable pearl ring.

BOXING INSTRUCTOR IN TROUBLE

Found With Miniature
Arsenal

Pleading guilty to the charge of being in possession of four small swords, three spears, an axe, and three large choppers in the basement of No. 77 Hollywood Road, without a valid license, Wong Fan, a Chinese boxing instructor, was fined \$30 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macdwyen at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The arms were ordered to be confiscated.

RAINFALL ABOVE AVERAGE

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 1.71 inches. The total since January 1, is 5.63 inches, as against an average of 5.18 inches.

the League. It was Disraeli who said that "Foreign politics are the real politics." They do not seem to have grown more simple after the War to end War.

WHY I AM FOR THE INDIA BILL

NATURAL RESULTS OF OUR OWN TEACHING

RESPONSIBILITY ONLY CURE FOR PRESENT ILLS

(By the Marquis of Lothian)

London. THE British people have heard all the arguments that can be urged against the India Bill.

They have heard that it is utterly fantastic to suppose that the vast congeries of races, languages, religions and hereditary princedoms which is India can possibly govern itself on democratic lines, that the main political party—the Congress—is scheming to get rid of British rule and British trade, and that the only sane course is to stand firm and maintain practically intact the majestic structure of the British Raj for which the voiceless millions of India's 500,000 villages are said secretly to long.

Teaching Freedom

That is the picture so persuasively and eloquently drawn by Mr. Churchill and his diehard friends. Why, then, are the great majority of those who have been familiar with India in the last ten years in favour of what is called "surrender"?

There are two main reasons. The first is because for exactly 100 years—since Macaulay's famous Minute—we have been teaching Indians British ideals—that freedom is the most priceless human possession, and that every race and people is entitled to self-government.

More than this. For the last 30 years we have been actually developing self-governing institutions, from elected district councils and municipalities at the bottom, to ten partly responsible provincial Legislatures and an elected all-India Legislative Assembly at the top. To-day there are 7,000,000 voters, and out of 48 Ministers and Executive Councillors in the Provinces 32 are Indians.

Finally, thanks to modern science and contact with the West, India urgently needs those measures of social reform and reconstruction which, proverbially, cannot be undertaken by outsiders.

A Healthy Demand

It is utterly impossible to go back on this long history. The demand, too, for self-government is fundamentally healthy. Practically the whole of educated and political India demands the right of full provincial self-government and a share of responsibility at the centre. No party wants less; most want more.

But, it will be asked, what about the "voiceless millions"? The answer is that India is full of able men and women who know far more about their own country than the 600 members of Parliament and the electors of this country, hardly any of whom have ever visited it; that they are even more concerned with its good government and the happiness of its people than we are—having to live there; and that, provided an adequate number of the ryots have votes and that there are adequate safeguards to ensure stability during the period of transition, Indians are more likely to solve the difficult problems of their own rapidly changing country than we are.

Force Of Nationalism

The second main reason why I am for the India Bill is that the diehard alternative of denying Indians any responsibility at the centre or responsibility for law and order in the Provinces could multiply and not lessen the risks. But that would simply be, after all the pledges that have been given, to drive the whole of educated and political India into bitter and universal opposition.

Nationalism is the strongest political force in the modern world. It is growing with immense rapidity in India. It is said that communalism cuts across nationalism. So it does as between Moslem and Hindu, but both are nationalist as against alien rule.

We certainly could not govern a unitedly hostile India with our present methods. But no doubt if we adopted the methods of modern dictatorship and took over the Press, purged the universities, created a secret army police, nullified all civil liberties and created a "strong" political party to smash up every kind of political opinion not friendly

to our rule, and paraded military force and "ruthless" executions in sufficient numbers, India could probably be "kept quiet" for a time.

But it would not help our trade. There would be a universal boycott. And unless we changed the British Constitution into a Fascist Constitution, it would be inevitable that in a few years a Labour or Liberal majority would come into office pledged to abandon repression, at a time when India would be so embittered as to be unmanageable and irreconcilable. There is no road to trade or stability along the diehard road.

Only Practical Way

The only practical policy is the policy of the India Bill. That Bill is not perfect—far from it. Nor does it fully satisfy anybody. Nothing could be perfect or satisfying which has to deal with so vast and complicated a country as modern India. It may well require amendment after a period of trial. But I believe it will be worked because there will be nothing like as much agreement for anything else. And if it is worked it launches India on the extremely difficult and dangerous second stage of the movement to full self-government under the only conditions which have the least chance of steering her safely past the pitfalls and dangers which lie ahead—friendly co-operation between British and Indians.

Finally, as to Congress. The remedy for their extreme views is the old British specific of responsibility. Once they shoulder the responsibility for government, their temper will change. Things look very different when you are the target for criticism, and not merely the authors of it. I believe responsibility is the only road by which India can be won to be a friendly partner in the Empire.

So I am 100 per cent. for the India Bill.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

A meeting of the Sanitary Board will be held at 4.15 p.m. to-day.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia left Shanghai yesterday and is due here at 6 a.m. on Thursday. She will sail for Manila at 6 p.m. on the same day.

The second issue of the King's College Magazine, just to hand, is full of good things and reflects great credit on both its editor and its contributors. It has set itself a high standard to be maintained.

Under the Auspices of the H. K. University Education Society Mr. L. G. Morgan M.A., B.Sc. will deliver a lecture on "Education as a Science," on Wednesday April 3 at 8.30 p.m. in the University Union Assembly Hall. All are welcome.

There will be a Lecture at the University Union Assembly Room at 6 p.m. to-day by Dr. L. E. Stuart, D.D., the former President of Yen Ching University on the subject of "Contribution of Religion to Ultimate Reality." All interested are welcome. Tea will be served before the Lecture at 4.45 p.m.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was this morning imposed on Lau Chiu-iat, a banished, by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy for returning to the Colony from banishment.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived in Vancouver yesterday. She is due to sail for Hong Kong on April 6, arriving here on April 24.

For loitering on the staircase of No. 524, Fuk Wing Street at 3.35 a.m. yesterday, Man Chik, a 39-year-old unemployed, and Chan So, a 22-year-old unemployed, each were fined \$75, in default of one month's imprisonment, by Mr. E. L. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

INQUEST ON AIR-LEAP SISTERS

TRAGEDY OF LOVE FOR KILLED R.A.F. OFFICER

ANGUISHED VISIT TO CHURCH FOR ABSOLUTION

London, February 26. Broken-hearted because an R.A.F. officer, with whom one of them had fallen in love, was killed in the Messing air accident, the two daughters of Mr. Coert du Bois, Consul-General of the United States in Naples, threw themselves from a Paris-bound air liner when over Upminster, Essex, on Thursday.

The verdict at the inquest at Romford yesterday was, in each case, suicide while of unsound mind.

The girls were Elizabeth and June du Bois, aged 23 and 20 respectively, and their anguish in the days before they made their death-leap was revealed in letters read at the inquest.

One of the girls had fallen in love with Flying Officer John Alexander Charles Forbes while at Naples, and in a letter to her father she said: "Charles was engaged to another girl, but he was going to break it off, and we would probably have been married this summer. There will not be any one else for me."

Clutching the rail of the witness-box with both hands, and obviously making a tremendous effort to control his feelings, Mr. Coert du Bois was the central figure at the inquest.

"Inseparable"

GIRL'S CONFIDENCES TO HER MOTHER

He agreed with the coroner, Mr. C. E. Lewis, that the younger girl was "the master mind" of the two, described them as inseparable, and then referred to the R.A.F. disaster at Messina, in which Flight-Lt. H. L. Beatty and Flying Officer J. Forbes lost their lives. Mr. du Bois said that these officers were entertained by him in Naples.

Capt. Neville Stack, the newly appointed managing director of Hillman's Airways Ltd., the owners of the aeroplane, arrived with Mr. J. Kirton, the pilot.

Mr. Daybell represented Hillman's Airways and Major J. P. C. Cooper, Inspector of Accidents, was also present from the Air Ministry.

The first witness called was Mr. Franklin Crosbie Gowen, of Cavendish-square, London, the American Consul in London, who had identified the bodies.

The coroner: Did you see the girls by any chance on this visit?—No, sir.

Do you know their handwriting?—Yes.

The two letters, which have been such a prominent feature of the tragedy, were then handed to Mr. Gowen. "They are in the handwriting of both of them," he said.

The Master Mind

Mr. Coert du Bois was then called. He walked slowly to the witness-box, and although he took the oath in a voice which was scarcely audible, he was obviously doing his utmost to control his feelings.

Mr. du Bois, a thick-set man of powerful physique answered the coroner's questions in a quiet, low voice.

He said that Jane and Elizabeth had lived with him and his wife at Naples.

The coroner: When did you last see them alive, Mr. du Bois?—Last Friday week, Feb. 15.

Was that when they left for Paris?—Yes, they left for London, via Paris.

As had been arranged?—Yes.

Were they going to London for any particular purpose, or merely visiting friends?—They were going to London to take a service flat and live by themselves, so that they could do some writing. Their mother was coming up later, and my sister from the United States was also going to join them.

Several Trips Made

You say they have made several trips together to London?—At least twice before. There was nothing at all unusual in that. They were more or less in the habit of going to places together. They had travelled all their lives.

They were devoted to one another?—Inseparable.

And always went about together?—Yes.

Mr. du Bois stated that the soci-

dent to the flying-boat at Messina occurred the day before the girl left Naples for Paris. They had made the acquaintance of the two officers, who "were around our house a good bit of the 10 days preceding." They had not known these two officers before.

The coroner: You told us that these two sisters were inseparable. Do you think that the younger one was the master mind of the two?—Yes. But not in a dominating sense. She had always been rather sickly, and her sister gave way to her.

It is a fair thing to say a master mind, is it not?—Yes.

Frederick William Mansfield, then described how he closed the door of the plane.

He was quite sure that door was securely fastened, and he said the would be the last person on the ground staff to touch the door.

Pilot's Evidence

"COULD HAVE DONE. NOTHING"

John H. Kirton, who piloted the aeroplane, said they left the ground about 10.2 a.m. The two girls occupied the rear-seats of the cabin and they had one suitcase with them.

The coroner: Just after you had taken off did one of them say something to you?—I had just told Croymond we were leaving and I opened the door opening to the passengers' cabin. She asked me to close it as there was a draught.

Kirton said that crossing over Gidea Park he would be at a height of about 2,000 to 3,000 feet.

The coroner: Did you turn round to the passengers to speak to them?—Three or four minutes after we had taken off I turned round and said: "We shall be out of the bumps now." One of them replied "All right," and asked me to close the flap of the partition between the cockpit and the cabin, so that I could not see in the cabin at all.

Kirton Overcome.

What was the next thing? When you were over the Channel did you have occasion to open the door of the cockpit?—Yes, I intended to tell them we had now got back into the good weather.

"It was then that you saw they were missing?" asked the coroner.

Kirton seemed to be overcome by the thought of that dramatic moment when he found that his two passengers had disappeared, and he merely nodded his head in assent.

The coroner: Did you notice that the cabin door was ajar?—Yes.

He sent a wireless message to Croymond and returned to the aerodrome at Abridge, where he saw the door sealed to await the arrival of the police.

"I am not suggesting that if the flap had been open it would have prevented this, because if these two (Continued on Page 7).

FREAK CHILD BORN NEAR WUSIH

Strange Story Of Baby With Eagle's Head

To be scared to death by the sight of her own newly born child was the fate of a woman at Hsuliachiao, near Wusih, according to recent reports in the Chinese newspapers.

The woman was the wife of a bean-shop owner and had a family of six other children. Her seventh child as abnormal, however. According to the reports, the child was born with the head of an eagle, its eyes and ears resemble those of a donkey.

The mother, when she saw this monstrousity, the reports continue, fainted and died. The child also, after crying a little, died. Both were buried, and therefore the means of verifying the story from a scientific point of view have been lost.

One case each of small-pox and diphtheria were reported in the Colony during the 48 hours ended Sunday.

PROBATIONARY NURSES' EXAMINATION

Eleven Out Of 66 Past Tests At Tung Wah Hospital

Only eleven Chinese girls, out of a total of 66 candidates, who sat for the Probationary Nurses' examination at the Tung Wah Hospital yesterday, were successful in passing tests in Chinese, English, and Arithmetic subjects.

The successful candidates will sit for a final examination in the Great Hall of the Tung Wah Hospital to-morrow at 10 a.m. They are: Misses Lee Man-chi, Lai Mui-ching, Ho San-nah, Chow Chi-tuen, Hung Wei-ye, Tse, Hoi-mun, Lin Yuk-ying, Chan Fung-chun, Wong Wai-chun, Ho Ho-hui and Yeung Chiu-tin.

CHINESE ESTATES LIMITED

Satisfactory Year Reported

INCREASED DIVIDEND

The 12th ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Estates Limited, was held this morning at the Company's office, China Building.

The Report and Statement of Accounts were proposed by the Chairman, Mr. Leung Kwai-ting, and were seconded by Mr. Fung Ping-wah.

Those present were: Messrs. Leung Kwai-ting (Chairman), Lee Yau-tsun, Foo Yick-pang, Lau Tak-ho, Dr. R. H. Kotewall (Directors), Fung Ping-fan (Director and Secretary), Lee Ngoi, Reginald Fung, Lee Cheung, Lee Ngok, Cheng Yuk, Leung Ting-kai and Mok Han (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

In his review of the year the Chairman said:—

"The net profit for the year, after providing a Reserve for Depreciation on China Buildings (\$30,000), Bad and Doubtful Debts (\$14,000), and Directors' and Auditor's Fees and other expenses, is \$118,644.34, which, added to the \$317,319.74 brought forward from last year, makes a total of \$435,964.08.

"The net profit, as compared with that of the previous year, shows an increase of \$35,891.05. This reveals the soundness of our position, in spite of the depression. All the shops on the ground floor, and almost all the office rooms on the upper floors, with the exception of the roof, and a small number of rooms, are occupied. I am sure that all shareholders cannot be regarded this as satisfactory. Your Directors are effecting retrenchments wherever possible, so that overhead expenses may be reduced to a minimum.

\$9 Per Share for Year

"There have already been three payments of interim dividends of \$2 each per share, amounting in all to \$6. Your Directors are now pleased to recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$3 per share, making a total of \$9 per share for the year, as compared with \$8 for last year. This final dividend will absorb \$40,500. The reasons for this increase in dividend are, firstly, the low rate of interest paid by the banks on cash deposits; secondly, the absence of profitable employment of surplus funds; and thirdly, the existing financial stringency, which has induced your Directors to pay as large a return to shareholders as the position of the Company permits. I trust that this policy will meet with your approval.

"After payment of the final dividend, there will be a balance of \$287,464.08, which your Directors propose, with your concurrence, to carry forward to the new account.

"Dividend warrants are now ready and may be had on application at the Secretary's office."

Directors Re-elected

Messrs. Fung Ping-fan and Liang Ting-kai, who retired under the Articles of the Association of the Company, offered themselves for re-election, and were unanimously re-elected. Directors, on the proposal of Mr. Foo Yick-pang, and seconded by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

On the proposal of Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Mr. Li Tung was re-elected auditor of the Company's accounts.

To-day's Short Story.

Expert Treatment

By Grosvenor Reeves

JAMES HARTLEY opened the door of the drawing-room at five o'clock.

"Jimmy, I am pleased you're back so early," said Lella Hartley, turning her head slightly towards him from a deep armchair. "This is Wally Milburn, who's been sweet and entertained me this afternoon by taking me to a Rugger match."

Hartley said, "How do you do?" to a heavy-looking young man with pale blue eyes and a protruding jaw. Meanwhile his brain registered the fact that any man who could get Lella to a Rugger match on a November afternoon was likely to be her lover before he was much older. Five years earlier Hartley would have been either wretched or angry. As it was, his surface reaction amounted to no more than a superficial relief that Lella was going to get some fresh air after six months in Chelsea studios.

But Hartley was not, by nature, either a weak or complaisant husband. He had been manoeuvred by circumstance into a position which he would have failed to recognise as possible if a third party had described it to him. Nor, as a rule, are weak, complaisant men bone-manipulators of such brilliance and honesty that at the age of 42 a knighthood threatens them and the B.M.A. is unofficially grateful for their existence. But he had married Lella seven years before; they had loved each other deeply, and she had refused two "good" marriages for James, who was at that time only earning £1,500 a year, and had no reputation outside his profession.

One daughter had been born. Both parents were fond of her, and she was as fond of both as an over-

whelming affection for her nurse and a man who hired out donkeys on Scarborough beach would allow. It was after two years that Lella took to wanting more than James.

She was temperamentally incapable of doing with one man and he was emotionally incapable of shifting his allegiance to another woman.

Had he been a butcher, baker, or barber, James might have taken the normal view and torn down the web of artifice that held their marriage together. But a man who, in his daily work, sees the human mind lose all dignity and individuality, when the body is wracked by pain or threatened with mutilation, tends to get bored with moral judgments. Where others can spot wickedness, he is only able to see weakness.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "It Was 'Widows' Night," by Tomlinson Wright.

Besides, James still loved Lella and she loved him. Once, contrite in his arms with unspoken repentance for some breakdown, she had said, as if soliloquising: "I wish I could be several people."

He thought of all these things as he looked down at her in the November dusk. Her fair hair was tumbled down one side of her face, her legs were crossed. In the past ten years her skirts had never risen to her knees nor descended again to her ankles. He was thankful that he had never had her watched, and that the fiction of her "beaux" had been preserved. He was glad that she always came back from her excursions, and gave her credit for choosing unattached men. Lella had never wrecked any home, she had only sailed her own on to a lee shore and left it there quite contented with the way she steered.

Wally Milburn, the international Rugger player, said he must be going along. Lella said, "Ring up some time, and ask yourself to dinner," which James knew to mean: "Ring me up as soon as the old boy's gone out to-morrow morning."

But the comparative indifference with which James at first spotted this new performer in Lella's puppet show soon changed. He might be a magnificent athlete for show purposes, but off-stage he was a seventh-rate insurance broker, who liked to show Lella off in big restaurants. Other men had preferred their own flats and solo grills. Wally Milburn preferred the Turin or, worse still for James, free meals at the Harleys' house.

And Lella liked it and took away the morning paper from James to read the Rugger prospects. This robbed him of the City page as well, and was an inconvenient change from Lella's former preference for "Bettine Belgravia," who abutted on "Court and Society."

But it was not until Christmas that James, relaxing, suddenly began to feel that a four-year-old resolution to pretend that work alone mattered was so much poppycock. He knew that it did matter twice as much as most people's; he relieved—suffering—daily—and his work on the research side was going well. But it was not sufficient.

He opened the small pile of Christmas morning parcels. Lella had given him a new platinum watch-chain, and Sally, the child, a pencil which could write in four different colours. Other relations had volunteered the ties and handkerchiefs that constitute a man's principal Christmas expectations, and at the bottom there was a large box of mediocre cigars with a card inside, on which was written: "Best for Xmas and the New Year, old boy—Wally."

His hand shook as he re-read the card. And at that moment Sally danced into the room waving a girl's paint-box and crying out: "Look what Uncle Wally's given me."

"Lella, must Sally call every adult who comes to the house Uncle or Aunt? It's hardly fair to the real ones."

"I know, darling. It is careless of her. Sally, my pet, you know Mr. Milburn isn't your real uncle even if he did take you to the Zoo on your birthday."

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Cinema Notes

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"HERE COMES THE NAVY"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

"Here Comes the Navy," Warner Bros.' smashing drama of Uncle Sam's jack-tars afloat, ashore, and in the air, is now at the Alhambra Theatre with James Cagney and Pat O'Brien in the leading roles.

Based on Ben Markson's exciting story which combines romance, rollicking comedy, rapid action and breathtaking thrills, the picture is one of the most spectacular productions ever released by Warner Bros.

Cagney and O'Brien, two seamen, are the bitterest of enemies, Jim having joined the Navy just for a chance to get even with O'Brien who has knocked him cold in a fist encounter and stolen his girl, a part played by Dorothy Tree.

To add fuel to their hatred, Jim falls in love with a beautiful girl (Gloria Stuart) who turns out to be his hated enemy's sister.

Others in the cast include Robert Barrat, Willard Robertson, Guinn Williams, Howard Hickman and George Irving.

"LITTLE MAN, WHAT NOW?"—STAR THEATRE

The improvidence of youth, and the struggle of a young couple against dire poverty, form the plot for the story of "Little Man, What Now?" Frank Borzage's Universal drama now showing at the Star Theatre. Margaret Sullivan and Douglas Montgomery are in the leading roles.

Married almost entirely without savings, the couple struggle along on the bare existence which the young man earns as a clerk, only to have their income cease entirely when he loses his job.

In theme and treatment, "Little Man, What Now?" is reminiscent of "Seventh Heaven," Borzage's production of the silent days, but he has an awfully kind heart, and you did say yourself that I was getting too thick with the intellectuals. Of course, if you want to forbid me to see him any more...

"TREASURE ISLAND"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

The generations of people both young and old who have been thrilled by "Treasure Island," Robert Louis Stevenson's famous story of pirate adventure, will find the vivid story-book experiences of their youth created on the screen in the picture at the Majestic Theatre, with Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper in co-starring roles.

With Beery as Long John Silver and Jackie Cooper as Jim Hawkins, boy adventurer, a cast has been assembled to bring each rover of the Spanish Main to the screen with living reality. Lionel Barrymore's blustering Billy Bones is one of the most entertaining characters he has ever played. Otto Kruger is forceful as Dr. Livesey; Lewis Stone's personal knowledge of sailing ships gives convincing background to his role of Captain Smollett; Nigel Bruce is a ruddy and typically English Squire Trelawney.

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The first ship to start on her maiden voyage will be the s.s. "Scharnhorst" on May 8, to be followed at the beginning of July by the s.s. "Potsdam" which has recently come under the administration of the Norddeutscher Lloyd Bremen.

The third ship, the s.s. "Gneisenau," the launching of which will take place shortly at a Bremen shipyard, will start out at the beginning of December.

The schedule for the new German Far Eastern Service, which has been definitely drawn up in all its details, has been notably augmented by the regular calling at Palma de Majorca and Naples, both on the outward and homeward voyages.



This bell's tolling meant the death sentence for Bruno Hauptmann Deputy Sheriff Saunders inspects the bell in the ancient belfry of Flemington courthouse. The bell was tolled when the jury reached a verdict.

Expert Treatment

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"But, mummy, he said he lay on a table in the other room, wouldn't take me to see this reptiles unless I called him uncle."

"I know, darling, but that was only a joke."

"Like when he put the toy ring on your finger, mummy, and said: 'In Scotch law with two witnesses that would make you Mrs. Milburn?'"

James, very white, pushed away his plate, and left the room. Lella ran after him.

"James, is anything the matter?"

"I think this new friend of your is a trifle poisonous."

"Oh, James, darling, I didn't realize you'd got that impression of my new beau. Come into the morning-room a minute."

Once there she sat down and explained herself and her relations to Wally with a logic which was flawless, because James was unable to challenge the first premise that Wally was just a "beau."

"You see, he is a crude young man in many ways, but he has an awfully kind heart, and you did say yourself that I was getting too thick with the intellectuals. Of course, if you want to forbid me to see him any more..."

James could not bear tears, knowing neither how to turn them off with a snub nor let them flow freely with sympathy. Tears were obviously near, and because familiarity had bred contempt, he gave in. But, that Sally should call this loutish amorist "Uncle Wally" had hurt him. A vague dislike of Milburn became a fertile grain of hatred.

In the New Year Lella went down to Twickenham, to see Wally, virtually certain of his place against Wales as a fast and brilliant three-quarter, play for England v. The Rest.

At three o'clock James was in his consulting-room, when his private telephone rang. It was Lella. "Darling, the most awful thing—"

"No, no, no. Wally's broken his leg. They're just putting him in an ambulance, and I'm bringing him along, because you're the only person who can get him right to play again this season. You'll put everyone else off, won't you?"

Lella rang off. That afternoon James had a weekly selection of poor patients whom a friend hunted up at a mission in Hackney. He was massaging the bowed, undernourished, wretched leg of the last of these when the door was flung open by Lella. She was flushed, and looked more excited than worried. Her breasts heaved, and one uncontrolled strand of hair lay along her cheek. Behind her two St. John's Ambulance men stopped with the stretcher they were carrying.

She said: "Oh, darling, I'm so sorry, but we couldn't wait. Is this patient essential?"

"I'm all right, mummy," said the Hackney hawker, struggling up to get off the table.

"Lie down," said James to the hawker.

"Put him in the second room on the right down the passage," he said to the ambulance men.

"Go home, Lella. I'll see to Milburn," he added.

No more and no less, he said to himself, as he kneaded the Cockney's leg. I would have stopped at 4.30, and I will stop there. He is nothing to do with me. He is a patient with a broken leg. He is a leg, and I know what to do with a leg. He has neither a face nor a name, and my wife does not know him, and my daughter does not call him "Uncle Wally." It will be easy to deal with him.

But it was not so easy. Milburn

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ing slightly and calculating that the odds against Milburn returning to earth with one leg as long as the other were about five to two.

"I'll take the risk. I'm sure you know what you're doing."

James did neatly and efficiently he set the leg. Unless the fracture was a much cleaner and milder one than he believed, the leg would now mend an inch shorter than the other one. Milburn would either have to have it broken again—an uncertain cure—or put up with a limp.

Milburn went to a nursing home, and James next day to Paris on an urgent request. In the bus on the way to Croydon two men were talking.

"I see Wally Milburn was hurt yesterday. Bad luck!"

"Yes. Dangerous game—second only to ski-ing—and so many of them get crocked permanently."

"Wouldn't help Milburn to get crocked permanently. His place in that firm hangs on the partners' all being ball-game crazy."

James, who had barely slept, was sick twice on the airplane, although the passage was calm and clear.

That night he went out by himself to a cafe on the Left Bank, drank a bottle of brandy, and only just got back to the hotel on his feet.

He was in Paris four days while an assistant carried on in London. He came back stale and tired. With his finger on the front-door bell he paused. If they knew he was back he would have to go over his assistant's reports on those four days.

He let himself in with a latchkey and went silently upstairs to his bedroom, to gain time, though he had no idea why he wanted to gain time.

There he sat on his bed smoking for half an hour. At last he picked up the telephone to ring downstairs and heard Wally Milburn's voice. "Can I talk, I can?"

James was listening to a main conversation.

"Really, Lella, it isn't good enough. I always think your husband and

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The receiver clicked down. James replaced his eavesdropper's extension and sat on in the darkness wondering whether there would be a lawsuit. He was all right technically, for Milburn had taken the responsibility, but his apparent loss of judgment would be evident to the whole medical profession.

Ten minutes later Lella, coming up to dress for dinner, found him still sitting. The cigarette had died between his fingers. She gave a little gasp of surprise.

"Jimmy! I wondered if you were back. You didn't have an awful time, I hope, darling."

"Pretty deep,"

"Well, I've got news for you. But you probably know already."

"What is it, Lella?"

"Wally's leg is perfect. He'll be able to play again in six weeks. The other doctors said you were mad to do what you did, and he's bursting with gratitude. He rang me up last night and said he didn't know how to thank you enough."

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GERMANY'S TREATY DENUNCIATION

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Government or by any other Government could have the effect of denouncing the Treaty in the usually accepted sense of the term. The views of the British Government in regard to the German decision of March 16 had already been made clear. No other clauses of the Treaty were, so far as he was aware, affected by this German action.

1886 INCIDENT RECALLED
 Asked what treaties affecting Britain had within the last 50 years been denounced by unilateral action, the Premier said that the Russian Government in 1886 had denounced the fifty-ninth article of the Treaty of Berlin, by which Batoum was constituted a free port. He knew of no other denunciation by unilateral action where no such right was conferred in the treaty.

There has been cases, he said, where treaties had been violated without formal denunciation. In addition there had been a number of trade treaties which had been denounced by unilateral action, such action, however, being in accordance with the right conferred in the treaties.—British Wireless Service.

BERLIN TALKS LAST FOR SIX HOURS

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The conference lasted for three and a half hours, after which the British Ministers returned to the British Embassy before taking lunch with Herr Hitler and his colleagues.

The conversations were resumed later in the afternoon, lasting a further three hours.
COMMUNIQUE
 Afterwards the following brief communique was issued: "The German Chancellor received this morning the British Foreign Secretary and Mr. Anthony Eden, in the presence of the German Foreign Minister and the British Ambassador. Conversations took place in the morning and again in the afternoon on some of the points mentioned in the Anglo-French communique of February 3. These conversations will be resumed to-morrow morning.—British Wireless Service.

MINORITY TREATIES

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This problem was specific and temporary, he said, and the object of the minority treaties was not to perpetuate, but to solve it. Nor was there any similar world problem which would justify the extension to the world at large of the procedure involved.

The Premier said that, although the matter was clearly one for the League of Nations, the British Government did not consider that a commission of inquiry would serve any useful purpose.—British Wireless Service.

STATEMENTS MISINTERPRETED CLAIMS WITNESS

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Mr. J. A. Fraser, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the Crown assisted by Mr. W. J. Lockhart Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

The jury empanelled comprised: Messrs. A. W. de Roza (Foreman), W. H. B. Riggs, W. T. Sullivan, D. Latimer, J. W. Reeves, H. Ping-nam and G. S. Rodger.

Leung Kam, cross-examined by Mr. Leo D'Almada Jnr., denied that she had seen the face of the man carrying a chopper; she had only seen his arm, and he was not carrying a dagger.

Alleged Police Statement
 Leung Kam said she recalled making a statement to a Police officer, but could not recognise him. Witness denied the wording of that statement, her words were: "I saw several men on board at the time of the attack. I saw a man stretch his arm into the hold where I was, but I could not see what happened on deck. I saw four men leave the junk in our dinghy after the robbery."

Witness denied that she had made a statement to the Police that she had emerged fully from the hold where she was in hiding.

Leung Kam confirmed her statement to the effect that she had suggested that the men had come on board the junk to rob, but had not taken anything due to the presence of other junks in the vicinity.

Revolver Threat
 In answer to further questions by counsel, witness said she could not remember to which Inspector she had made the statement. She did recall one of the accused thrusting the snout of a revolver against her husband's chest and afterwards hitting him on the head with it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Thomas Tam, counsel for the third defendant, accused said she did not mention the third accused's name in her statement to the Police because she was not asked to do so by the Police.

The case is continuing this afternoon.

OPIUM HIDDEN IN CHICKEN BASKET

\$522 Fine For Woman

Fines totalling \$522, in default three months' imprisonment, were imposed on Wong Tsui-yuk, a 38-year-old married woman, who appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with having possession of 17 taels of raw opium and two pounds of tobacco at the Kowloon Railway Station on Sunday. Revenue Officer Brown stated in his prosecution that the defendant alighted from a Canton train carrying two chicken baskets, in the bot-

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LOCAL ESTATES

European Widow Leaves \$4,900

Norman Donald, Master Mariner, formerly master of the s.s. Chung On, who died at the Matilda Hospital on February 26, 1935, left net personality valued at \$300.

Probate in the above estate has been granted to Mary Catherine Clark Donald, widow.

Annie Ward, widow, late of the Osborne Hotel, Exeter, and formerly of No. 11 Thornton Hill, Exeter, died on October 24, 1932, and left local property valued at \$4,900.

An application by Allan Brown Stewart, attorney, for permission to seal a certified copy of the probate of the will of the deceased, has been granted.

Yeung Ip-hang, late of No. 1 A Chung's Lane, Victoria, Hong Kong, who died on August 16, 1934, left local estate valued at \$60,500.

Probate has been granted to Yung Shu-shi.

MAN JUMPS FROM FERRY

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The situation was soon well in hand as the would-be-suicide found out all of a sudden that life was sweet after all, and swam strongly for the ferry.

Life-belts were thrown out to both men and they were picked up by the Min Kung (Kowloon-bound) and the harbour once again presented a peaceful scene.

GRAND NATIONAL IRISH SWEEP

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fore, the division of the prizemoney into units of \$100,000 has been the rule; each unit being sub-divided into prizes of \$30,000, \$15,000 and \$10,000 for the first three horses in the race, leaving the balance of the money for distribution amongst other prizewinners.

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